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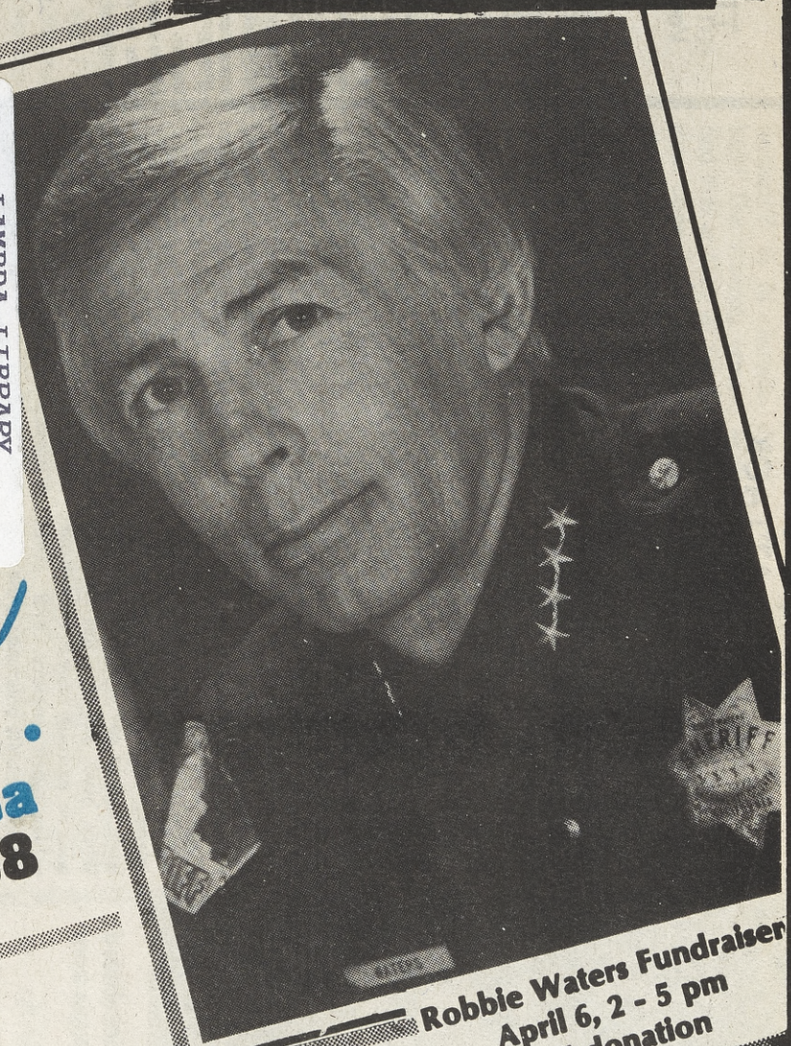

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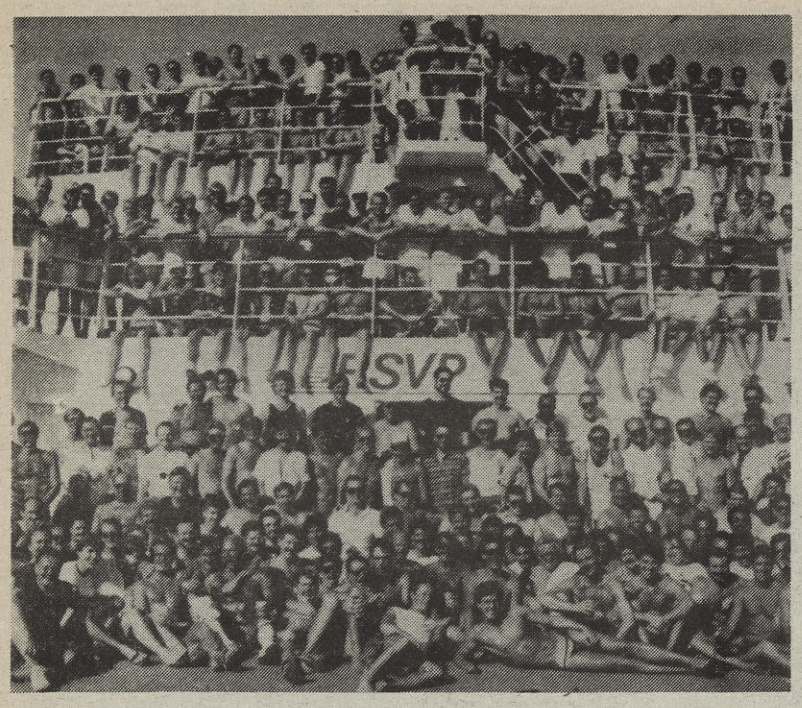

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Parents Need Role Models Too!

By Ann Muller

"Mothers have radar. They know when you've been in the cookie jar," says a young man whose mother had thought he might be gay when he was only five years old. "I'm not clear," he adds, "what she deemed as the sign; but nonetheless, she had her suspicions way back then."

When her son was fourteen, that same mother asked, "Well, now, are you gay?" She posed the question in a "calm, matter-of-fact," but "very questionative" manner, according to her son. Indeed, this mother had discussed her thoughts with a psychologist and, presumably, her decision to ask the question of her son was based on that discussion.

"I didn't say anything," the son remembers. "I was thinking if I sat there long enough she'd go away and everything would be okay again. At that time, there was great conflict in my mind; I knew I had these feelings for men, but they seemed wrong. I didn't think my mother knew. It was quite a shocker. It was like somebody came up and said something in public about you that was extremely embarrsssing. I didn't have time to prepare a reaction. It was terrible."

Looking back on the incident, the son feels his mother's question was premature. He would rather had made his own journey through the coming-out process, found his own truth in his own time.

On the other hand, as another mother of a gay son, I regret my silent lack of support for our son throughout what I now understand to have been a scary and painful adolescence.

There are, unfortunately, no familiar guidelines for being good parents of a gay child. No wise words await us on the library shelf. In fact, most psychiatric literature on homosexuality offers parents only guilt-inducing theories filed with stereotypes of "overprotective" mothers, "distant" fathers, and unhappy "homosexual" sons; lesbian daughters are rarely mentioned. As a result, we parents of a gay child muddle through the experience alone, and too often we build barriers within our families of guilt, fear, and anger in the process.

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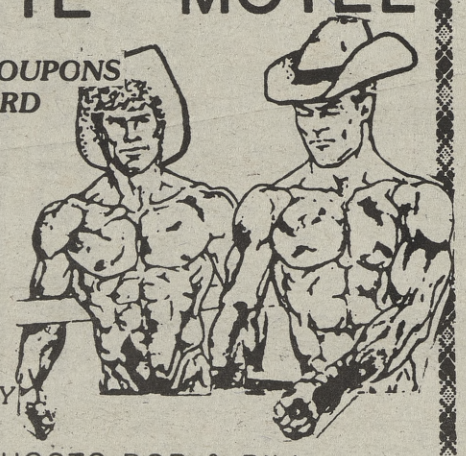

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GAYS UNDER ATTACK:

It's Not A Disease

by Frank Batey
(Part One)

As well as any U.S. minority, gays may speak up about violence and aggression. We are a minority which has been around as long as any in America. And, like some other racial, ethnic, or cultural minorities (which may not have existed in North America until only recently), we still experience, on a number of levels, the discriminate swath of physical violence, job-market abuse, and threats to our right to exist. Unlike most other minorities, however, violence and aggression to gays is a sport enjoyed and encouraged by people from the White House to the outhouse. We are society's "fags."

Broad elements of American society tolerate, encourge, and promote violence against gay citizens in the U.S. Why?, how?, and what for? are questions we probably have to answer ourselves until society...and other minorities...unite principally in the interests of achieving something better than status as second-class citizens in the U.S.

So that gays and other oppressed minorities may push for any change in oppressive structures and elements in our society, we must come to grips with the origins of our oppression, the mental state of our oppressors, and the incentives...financial and otherwise...that motivate acts of violence and aggression against us, individually and collectively. We also need to "know and recognize our oppressor," according to Dr. Iri Kapro, whose definite look at religious fundamentalism ***The FYEBLE*** is soon to be published.

Rhondrei Jeffreys-Jones, an English historian who lectures at the University of Edinburgh and wrote ***Violence and Reform in American History*** in 1978, disputes the assumption that America is a violent country with a violent past. From his vantage point overseas and maybe from a perspective which includes pre-colonial American history, Jeffreys-Jones may have his point. The Englishman claims that "violence has received disproportionate attention" in the U.S. due to the theory that violence sells newspapers and broadcasts political messages. There were no newspapers in pre-colonial North America. And, comparatively speaking, England and Europe record far greater incidents of violence and aggression against gays and other minorities than pre-colonial North American societies. To know and recognize our oppressors, we also might consider where our oppressors comes from.

Pioneering anthropologist Margaret Mead wasn't around to write about primitive, non-aggressive cultures in North America before European settlers introduced whiskey, Bibles, rape, and other tokens of violence and aggression. But Mead did pioneer research among other once-isolated non-literate societies, like the Arapesh in the mountains of New Guinea. Mead found that Arapesh parents traditionally spent much time with their children; gave much attention to their kids' needs. Arapesh youths-...like their parents...were observed to (become) gentle, cooperative, unaggressive as adults. On the other hand, Mead found the children of another remote New Guinea society, the Mundugomor, received only perfunctory, intermittent attention from their parents. Mundugomor children...like their parents-...grew up to be selfish, uncooperative, aggressive among themselves.

Modern American children more often than not come from homes and communities where they are exposed to overcrowding, undereducation, hunger, and little cash flow. These economic and environmental factors certainly help to shape the type of adults around us in the U.S. There's not much we can do to change our past. We can only speculate about our future if we examine where we've been. But we can take steps to improve communication between our community and the rest of society now.

Television talk show host Phil Donahue has been on the hoof promoting his new book, ***The Human Animal***, during recent weeks. In his book and during his interviews before a variety of audiences, including some religious TV shows, Donahue is upbeat about describing how humans exercise hundreds of survival mechanisms daily in order to avoid violence and aggression. We avoid bumping into cars, busses, people, and dogs. And sometimes we don't. For despite spirituality, prescribed drugs, booze, and radio psychologists, our society may be plagued with authority figures whose own pursuit of power, wealth, and political influences heavily influence our behavior and ascribe honors to the role of "the aggressor." Jacob Bronowski points out adult influences members of our society continue to be exposed to that attach honor to the role of the aggressor in ***The Face of Violence***. Bronowski has described some of the moods which encourage violence and aggression:

"At the heart of our violence, in act or in feeling, lies the wish to show ourselves men with a will. (But) the complexity of society makes the man lose heart. Nothing he does any longer seems a skill to be proud of in a world where someone else always hits the headlines. This is a plausible picture, in despair of which men cheerfully join any private army which will offer them the ambivalent identity of a uniform: the right to salute and be saluted."

Yet gays may be first to point out that they are not always uniformed aggressors who practice the sport of fag-bashing. In San Antonio, Texas, gangs of high-schoolers armed with baseball bats say they are reclaiming Olmos Basin Park "for the public." A San Antonio newspaper handled the reported incidents lightly. The paper didn't mention the fate of any gays who have been clubbed and who now face extensive plastic surgery. Similar clubbing attacks have occurred at parks in San Diego, California. However, in San Diego, victims have become more outspoken and police have responded with some degree of effectiveness. Of course, it all sounds perhaps too much like what happened in Germany when members of the Hitler Youth Movement similarly went after Jews, gays, and other blacklisted minorities. We'd like to believe that these things don't happen. But they do.

Vernon, Connecticut police arrested a 41-year-old man, Daniel Wiedenhof, recently. Wiedenhof is charged with armed assault on a hitchhiker. Authorities are also questioning Wiedenhof in connection with the slayings of two gay men and shooting of another in recent months in Connecticut.

Police is Stockton, California are reported to have been reluctant in investigating the similar beatings, stabbings, and deaths of at least five gays in the Stockton area recently. That is where a Metropolitan Community Church pastor, Virgil Scott, was found brutally stabbed and beaten to death last February.

Three street toughs visited San Francisco and launched an attack on two gay men walking along a sidewalk. The aggressors were found guilty of manslaughter in the death of one of their victims. The victims do not need to be walking out of gay churches, businesses, or along streets in gay-populated areas. And the street toughs are not just high-school kids or dropouts.

A Laguna Beach policeman insisted that the gay man he arrested outside a gay restaurant and disco "fell on his head" to receive a fatal concussion. The cop quit his job rather than face the flak of an inquiry. The police department there, however, refused to carry an investigation any further.

And in Cathedral City, near Palm Springs, a police chief suggested that a gay bar owner and gay business association officer "drop" his inquiry on behalf of a gay man who died from internal injuries after being arrested and spending one night in the slammer.

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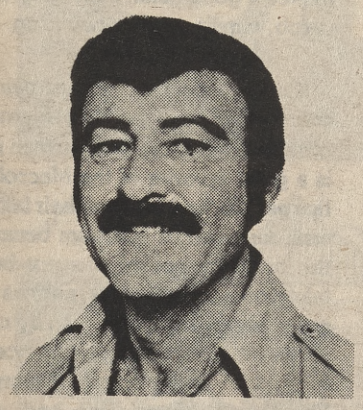

BOB DAMERON

AUSTIN

Houston is hot, Dallas is dazzling, San Antonio is charming, and Ft. Worth is friendly. But the blazing new star on the vast Texas horizon is Austin—referred to locally as Big A. The capital of the great state of Texas has a population of nearly 400,000. Located in the Texas hill country, it is also known as L.B.J. land. Today, more than ever, it is swinging with the promise of jobs, sun, and good times for all.

The community was first called Waterloo, which was later changed to Austin in honor of pioneer Stephen F. Austin who colonized the first American settlement in Texas. It was founded on the banks of the Colorado River in the 1830s, and for awhile served as the capital of the Republic of Texas after it won its independence from Mexico. In 1845 the country was annexed to the United States, although some die-hard Texans are reluctant to admit this.

First-time visitors may want to see the gigantic University of Texas, which not only hosts the "Longhorns" football team, but gives off Harvard airs in academics. With about 50,000 students, it is one the largest and most prestigious campuses in America. The L.B.J. Presidential Library is a magnificient monument in marble to the Johnson era. Other points of interest include the State Capitol, Governor's Mansion, Old French Legation, Millett Opera House, Old Pecan Street, Highland Lake, McKinney Falls State Park, and several museums. Barton Springs and the footpaths in Pease Park off Lamar are notorious cruising areas. Annual events include the Livestock Show, Austin Aqua Festival, and the Laguna Gloria Fiesta in May.

Musical events take a wide range from native son Willie Nelson, the high priest of country-western music, who helped to make Austin the Nashville of the southwest, to the local ballet and symphony orchestra.

Most of Austin's fun gay bars are open seven days a week until 2:00 AM, and most have disco dancing. The Crossing at 611 Red River opens at 7:00 AM and has male strip shows on Mondays. The Boathouse at 407 Colorado is a high-tech disco very popular with twinkies on Friday and Saturday nights. Uncle Charlie's at 1301 Lavaca and Hall's at 404 Colorado get a mixed preppie crowd, while the Austin Alternative at 5500 S. Congress attracts a number of foxy ladies. Back Street Basics at 611 E. 7th is a cruisy disco which is also open after hours, and Oz at 705 Red River features shows on weekends.

Austin is not big on leather, but Dirty Sally's at 2828 Rio Grande is the best non-disco macho men's cruise bar. (It has good days, too, and say hello to David, the new manager. I don't dare use his well-known San Francisco nickname, but maybe he will tell you.) Rico's at 505 E. 3rd St. is new and trying for a western/S & M clientele. Good luck! The recently opened West End Pub at 1112 W. 6th St. has a quiet cruise bar downstairs and a restaurant upstairs. Latins like the La Leona on Chicon. Cruisy bookstores include the River City Newsstand and Ms. Video. Pick up a copy of the Texas Star for local information and happenings.

There are no gay accommodations in Austin, but plenty of good places to stay. The best are the Hyatt Regency Austin, La Mansion, the Merriott, and the newly renovated Stephen F. Austin Hotel. Lower-priced motels include several Holiday Inns, Ramada Inns, and La Quinta Motor Inns.

While Austin cannot yet compete with Houston, Dallas, or San Antonio as the gastronomical capitals of Texas, you need not starve. Two of my favorites are the Foothills atop the Hyatt Regency and Green Pastures in a charming old victorian residence. I have not yet tried the recently remodeled Remington Room at Stephen F. Austin Hotel, but the reports are good. The Inn at Busy Creek is a good distance north of town but has excellent food, a nice ambiance, and sympathetic staff. For more commercial dining, try Captain Boomers, Don McKluskey's Butchery, Magic Time Machine, Old San Francisco Steak House, Matt's El Rancho, or Old Spaghetti Warehouse.

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FAUX PAS

by Ed E. Kett

Dear Edwards,

As far as I know, everyone at work thinks I'm straight, especially since I was recently divorced. Lately, though, my boss has made some subtle comments and slightly veiled insults concerning my sexuality. Then, again, maybe I'm paranoid about this. So far, none of my co-workers have followed his lead; but I certainly don't want this to continue. I also don't want to make a big issue of this. How would you handle the situation?

Sincerely,
Collin

Dear Collin,

The next time your boss makes some remark that offends you, you have a few options. You can ignore the remark and hope that it doesn't occur again. You can give your boss a vacant stare and ask him to explain what he means. And although you've decided against it, you can go to the authorities above your boss and make an issue of it. Or you can hope and pray that your boss receives a promotion as soon as possible (a gentleman never wishes a demotion upon anyone.)

Dear Mr. Kett,

It recently came to my attention that an old childhood friend of mine is back in town. I haven't seen this person in over ten years. When last we met, I was a swinging ladykiller. Now I'm an ageing chickenhawk. I'd really rather not see this person out of the past since I've no guarantee that he will appreciate my current lifestyle (I remember him as rather a conservative child). What should I do? I don't want to see him; but as a gentleman, I don't want to hurt his feelings either.

Yours,
Wolfgang

Dear Wolfgang,

Nothing ventured, nothing gained. You never know. He may be a chickenhawk, too, with a chickenhouse full of chicks. See the guy.

MILLER

(From p. 2)

Don Clark, author and psychologist, describes young gay sons and lesbian daughters in his book ***Living Gay*** as "...an invisible minority who are receiving daily messages indicating at best, that gay is not as good as heterosexual; at worst, that gay is sick, evil and deserving of punishment. These messages are dangerous to their developing self-images and pose a national mental health problem of staggering proportions, since it is not only the developing gay people who are injured, ***but also their families.***(My emphasis.)

I do think, however, there is cause for hope. I'm convinced a positive change is happening. For example, within the last year, we've seen two major television programs, ***Consenting Adult*** and ***Early Frost***, that depicted parents coming to terms with the fact that their sons loved men instead of women. Just months ago, ***The New York Times*** featured a story of two parents' loving support of a son with AIDS. In January, ***Neweek's*** cover story detailed the growing-up experience of a gay son and his parents' reactions to his disclosure.

Yes, you say, all of the above were white, middle-class, two-parent families with handsome sons. (No "pimples" is the way Lenny Giteck of ***The Advocate*** put it.) Yes, you say, all of the above mothers were more positive parents of gay sons than all of the above fathers. Yes, you say, all of the above sons' relationships with lovers mirrored the heterosexual monogamous ideal. Yes, you say, all of the above were sons, not daughters.

And, yes, I say, better Dick-and-Jane role models than no role models at all! When Jason came out to his father and me in 1980, we had no role models. Our only link was to a mother who had appeared several years earlier with her real-life husband and children in a television series called ***An American Family***. Viewers of the show speculated that the family's oldest son was gay. When asked about it, though, the mother either refused to answer the question or equivocated. (Sometime later she said, "I don't like the fact that Lance is homosexual....")

In contrast, parents today who hear a child say, "Mom, Dad, I want you to know I'm gay," at least know they are not alone. They also know, if they read the ***Newsweek*** article, how to find helpful reading material and a support group for parents. They also know, if you tell them, that a heterosexual mother of two children who has been married to the same man forever is writing a monthly column in ***Patlar***. And is having a good time doing it.

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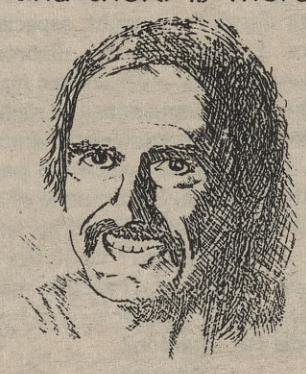

by Ralph H. Walker

All the many reminders of spring are upon us again! We have forsythia branches in the kitchen which I broke off and brought inside "to force" two days ago; soon they will be a riot of golden yellow. All things are stirring and coming to life once more; and, as they say, "In the spring, a young man's fancy turns...!"

There is something very positive that you can do about that. It involves (as do so many things) a three-step process. First, begin to notice, really pay attention to, be aware and sensitive to the tender new shoots of impulse and energy that begin to stir in you, and particularly to those that you have usually ignored. It might be nothing more than the impulse to call up an old friend, send an ex-lover a loving and thoughtful card, really try once again to communicate to a parent that you are gay and that you love them. Or, of course, any one or more other things. What is there, nascent, struggling in is yours, a part of your wondrous singularity and uniqueness! Further, the fact that it is there means that it is appropriate for you! So, notice that! Or, perhaps we should say, "Notice all of those things that are stirring, wanting to come to life!"

The second step (and this is what is new) is to nurture those things, encourage them, give them light and nourishment (but don't rush them to the light and warmth and "force" them like we are doing with the forsythia.) Allow them to put down roots, and push up through the soil of years of neglect and put out green shoots to the light of love and trusting. This will mean a letting go of all the stuff you've used before to choke off these impulses...the eating, drinking, staying out all night, having lots of sex, all of which serve to dull and stuff down these tender spring-time impulses to love. Permit, allow, encourage, for these long-held-back impulses are much closer to your true nature than you ever dared imagine!

The third step (and this is the one that you won't believe until you see it beginning to happen) is to allow those things to bear fruit, to become real and acted on in your life. You call the friend, agree to meet, and discover worlds of possibility that you'd managed to overlook before in this friendship! You do send the card to the "ex," and he calls and you meet him (for the first time in years) and his new lover and make some amazing discoveries about him, and this new lover (whom you like very much) and, most important of all about yourself! Or, you call and arrange to take mom and dad (or both) out to dinner at a very fine restaurant, and not only share about your own life, but learn amazing things about them that you never knew before, because you have begun to communicate, instead of just chatting or gossiping or discussing baseball and the weather. And, you may very well find out that not only do you love them, but they love you as well. And, now you can actually say it to each other!

Unreal?

Unlikely?

Well, you can do your old spring clean-up number again, and shovel all of those nice nascent impulses under, as you clear up the snow, or clean out your closets, or do your annual spring housecleaning. Yes, you can do that, as you always have.

Yes, you can do that. It has always worked before, together with the booze and the carousing and the overeating, and has managed to stuff all of that silly and sentimental stuff and managed, as they say, to "get you through the night." Sure. OK. That's fine; it's your life. Nobody else can make you do any of that stuff.

RIGHT! Absolutely! No one can make you take the risk of trying something new, or daring to trust your own deepest impulses. You are much too sophisticated for that!

RIGHT! No one can!

BUT YOU CAN!

GRANDFATHER'S CUPBOARD

by Charles E. Hall
Practitioner:
Traditional Chinese Medicine

(Note: This column is dedicated to acquainting its readers with the contents of our grandfathers' cupboards: the old-time foods, herbs, and exercises which our ancestors used to keep themselves in good health.)

Fields of grain blowing in the wind make marvelous opening scenes for movies and commercials: Iowa cornfields ablaze with sun, breezes rippling the ripe wheatfields of Nebraska. Along comes the combine to start turning the fields into loaves of bread!

In the process of breadmaking, the bran shell of the grain is stripped off and fed to the pigs. The germ is pulled out and fed to the pigs. The color is bleached out and some chemical powders are added. What comes out is Wonderbread or Sunbeam or Twinkies—that lifeless, spineless stuff which feeds Madison Avenue bank accounts. The Madison Avenue Diet has only wheat. Wheat is a high-profit grain and Madison Avenue understands profit. They sell profit, not nutrition, on the Avenue.

Most food-conscious people are aware now that the pig got the best part of the grain field. This column is about all those grains that are missing from our kitchens, but get fed to the pigs all the time: oats, barley, yellow millet, red millet, rye, beans, and rice.

Rye and Yellow Millet

Rye is one of the more common grains besides wheat, but only a handful of people eat it, and very few eat very much. For me, one-fifth of my grain diet is rye and/or yellow millet. According to Chinese Five Element Theory, these two grains feed the earth element of our bodies and help prevent, among other things, herpes of the mouth. Some few peole have gotten over herpes merely by eating lots of rye for a couple of weeks. Most herpes are more complicated than that, but some are simply a lack of rye in the diet.

Rye is most commonly used in bread form, but it makes good crackers and quiche crusts. Millet is easily boiled: use three times as much water as grain and boil softly for 30 to 45 minutes. Millet flour also makes a good cake, especially with carob, vanilla, and honey icing.

Rice and Oats

Rice and oats is another pair of grains which feed the Metal Element of the body. Short-grain brown rice is a great favorite of the Macrobiotics people, and most of their faith is well deserved. It is brown because the bran (or polish) has not been taken off and fed to pigs, nor has the germ been beaten to death by converting it to minute-cooking rice or to Uncle Benny's profit margin. Short-grain brown rice and oats added to the diet feed the Metal Element which includes the lungs, large intestine, the skin, and the mucus-lymphatic system. Adding rice to the diet has been known to decrease colds, pneumonia, intestinal ailments, skin diseases, and to make the skin healthy and pliable. The Chinese have understood this for centuries. And one of the wonders of American politics is that all the rice grown in Arkansas is grown organically by law.

Oats are a staple grain in Scotland; a land of people known for their healthy ruddy complexions.

Both rice and oats cook into a pudding consistency if simmered slowly for an hour or so. Both can also be ground into flour, and they make marvelous cookies and cakes. And almost everyone likes oatmeal cookies.

Corn and Red Millet

Corn is the primary grain of the Fire Element and is the staple of the American Indian, the most spiritual race I ever heard of. Corn is for the spirit, heart, small intestine, blood vessels, and happiness. Red millet is also a Fire-Element grain, but I had not been able to find it in any grocery store until recently when I saw some sold as bird seed. The pigs didn't get this one; it's for the birds.

Corn meal is for corn bread, pone, johnny cake, or whatever else it is called. Hot out of the oven, with honey or maple syrup or a big slab of butter, it is delicious. It starts my slaver drooling. Tortillas are also made of corn.

Red millet is very nutritious and tasty stuff too. It is so nutritious I only use it in combination with other grains. I suppose that one would sing like a canary if one ate too much.

Wheat and Barley

Barley and wheat are the grains of the Wood Element. These feed the liver, gall bladder, nerves, brain, and the muscles. The Wood Element is also concerned with the emotions of rage and anger. With the vast excess of wheat eaten in America, it is no wonder we are the brainiest and most violent country on earth. One could argue that a little anger is good as is a little defensive violence, but five major wars in fifty years is too much! Maybe we could feed our politicians some corn for a change!

Barley can be boiled like rice and millet, or it can be ground into a flour and baked into cookies or cake. I make cookies out of half barley flour and half oat flour, and I never have any leftovers.

Dried Beans and Dried Peas

Beans are a "grain" in Chinese medicine. Beans are for the Water Element: kidney, bladder, and urine, fear, head hair, and sexual energy. Baldness is a Water-Element disease, but the Chincese do not treat it because it also is associated with horniness (excess kidney yang). The rumors are true; bald men are hornier!

Beans and dried peas are essential in our diets. If they give you gas, put a tablespoon of olive oil in the pot just before serving, or add

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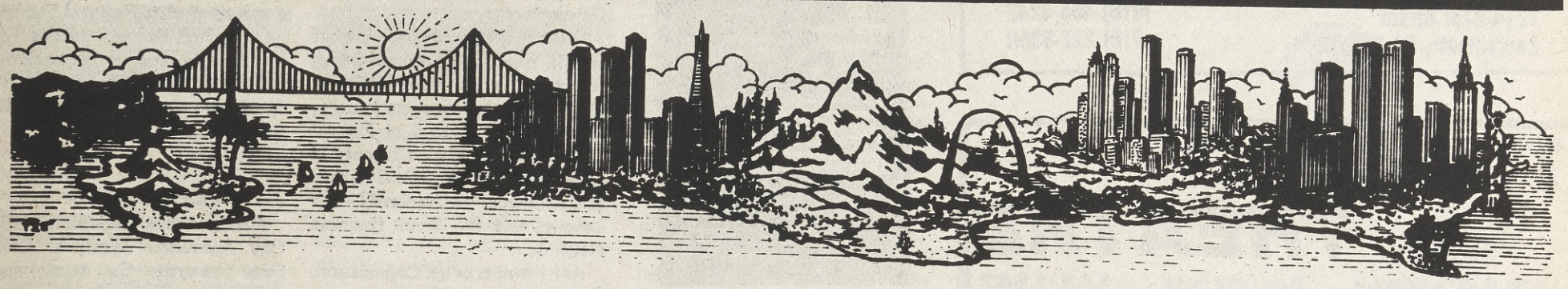

FARGO

The Reverand Lucy Hitchcock, an openly lesbian minister, has served the Unitarian Universalist congregations of Fargo-Moohead and Bismarck for the past 2½ years. She was recently appointed to the position of extension consultant for ministerial programs in the national office of the Unitarian Universalist Association, which is located in Boston.

STOCKTON

Recently Our Delta City Family (ODCF), which is an outgrowth of Our River City Family in Sacramento, held its first potluck in a private home in Stockton. The event was a wonderful success! More such potlucks are planned for the near future.

Local Stockton gay leaders have been elected to the offices of Director, Bob; Secretary, Rick; Treasurer, Ruth; Historian, Rose; and Publicity Chair, Becci.

The first two planning parties in March and early April have launched the ODCF upon a firm foundation. For more information, write Charlie Preston, PO Box 9871, Sacramento, CA 95823-0871.

GAINSVILLE

Researchers at the University of Florida in Gainsville have reported that the best way to control roaches is to make them "gay!"

Entomology Professor Phillip Koehler announced that the chemical Gencor causes hormonal changes that sterilize adult roaches and make male roaches gay. Koehler indicated that the pesticide also causes the bugs to become darker in color and to develop twisted wings. The chemical is an extremely effective method of roach control; 95-100% of the pests are sterilized within seven months of Gencor application.

PHILADELPHIA

Former Philadelphia District Attorney Ed Rendell, a strong gay-rights supporter, recently announced that he is running in the Democratic primary for Governor.

Rendell, one of the first politicians to tour the city's gay bars while running for office in 1977, pledged to all Pennslyvanians to fight for their rights. Rendell served two terms as Philadelphia's District Attorney.

INDIANAPOLIS

Gay physicians have formed a group called the Indiana Physicians for Human Rights. The group includes medical students, residents, and physicians in practice. The main purposes of the group are social contact and support, as well as for information-sharing among members. IPHR meets every six weeks in members' homes and is affiliated with the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights. For further information, telephone (317) 638-1929.

MINNEAPOLIS

A celebration of ageing for lesbians over 40 and their friends will be held July 3-6, at the Wisconsin Womyn's Land Cooperative campground. Structured activities are planned for Friday and Saturday, leaving Thursday and Sunday for travel time, informal group sessions, and enjoyment of the camp setting.

There will be a chemically free outdoor environment in which concerns can be expressed and friendships built. There will be a base fee of $14 for land use and trial membership. An additional workshop fee will be on a sliding scale with scholarships available.

For more information, write Ageing Celebration, 2529 South 18th Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404.

WEST HOLLYWOOD

Valerie Terrigno, who as Mayor of West Hollywood was the first openly lesbian mayor of an American city, was recently convicted of 12 counts of embezzling funds intended for the poor and homeless.

A federal jury rendered a unanimous verdict that Terrigno had embezzled $9000 in funds.

Terrigno's lawyer had suggested she was being prosecuted because she was a lesbian, but a prosecutor said it was clear she had embezzled the money.

Terrigno, who is presently a West Hollywood city council member, insisted she never stole funds, but admitted overpaying herself by $2000, an action she called a mistake.

Sentencing is scheduled for April 30.

SAN ANTONIO

A made-for-TV movie that will be shown on ABC-TV starring Mariette Hartley, Barry Newman, and Lynn Redgrave was recently filmed in San Antonio. Titled "Two Lives," the story focuses on an attractive widow emotionaly involved with two persons: a boyfriend and a lesbian.

The lesbian 'angle' of the story comes up in a tender scene in which the widow (Hartley) is told by her best friend and confidant (Redgrave) that she is a lesbian. The widow's reaction to this news about her friend has been written to be non-judgemental, although the reaction does cause the character some confusion and turmoil.

POMONA

The Society for Senior Gay and Lesbian Citizens hopes to re-activate the Pomona Chapter of Project Rainbow as a service to older women and men. For additional information, call (714) 865-2780.

CHICAGO

Congregation Or Chadash, Chicago's synagogue with an outreach to the gay community, will host the Midwest Regional Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews over the July 4 weekend.

The Conference will offer religious services, educational workshops relating to gay experiences, an address by a guest speaker, and social functions.

For more information, write: Conference Committee, Congregation Or Chadash, 656 W. Barry Ave., Chicgo, IL 60657.

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The Seventh Annual Gay Fathers Coalition International (GFI) Conference will be held in Chicago the weekend of June 6 at the Mid-City Plaza. The Conference is entitled "New Horizons...Together We Can Do Anything," and is expected to be the largest conference in the group's history. Nearly 600 men and women are expected to attend a day of workshps on Saturday, June 7.

A large number of participants will discuss and vote on a referendum to change the bylaws of the group to better represent the increased participation of co-sexual groups which include gay men and lesbians who are either parents or "step parents."

MODESTO

The Owl Empire of Stanislaus County has started planning for "Coronation 1986," which will occur November 1st at the Elks Lodge.

The theme this year will be: A NIGHT AT THE OPERA—A GRAND ILLUSION.

There is a need for many people to help construct sets, make costumes, and help with other tasks. For more information, call Paul at (209) 523-5124 or Natasha Rose at (209) 527-0740.

COCONUT GROVE

Gay accommodations have escaped the slump that other types of businesses blame on AIDS, according to a survey of gay hotels, guest houses, and resorts conducted for ***Key International Guide***. The findings indicated a continuing increase in the number of requests for such accommodations, according to Stan Leehei, President.

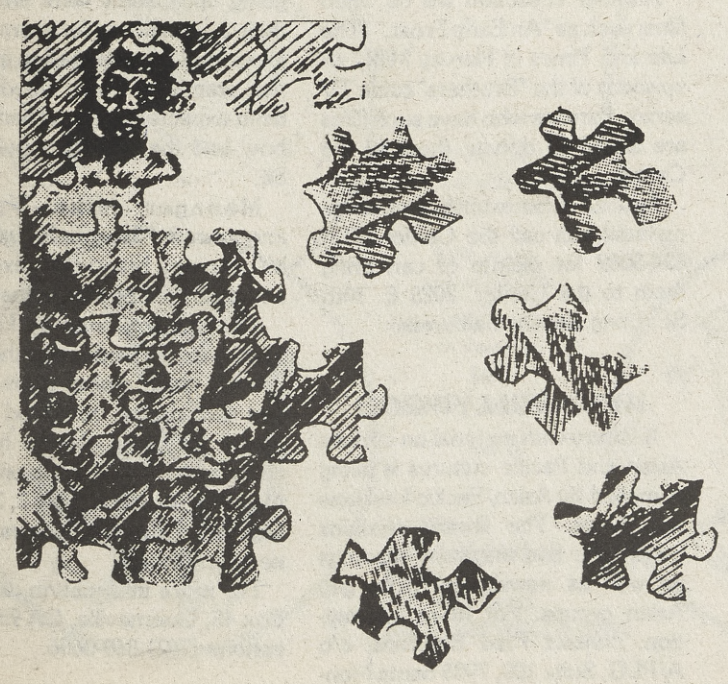
A Provincetown guest-house owner believes that most gay establishments aren't viewed as "orgy palaces." Consequently, they are not associated with multiple, casual sexual encounters that have been linked to AIDS. Also, gay people are well informed on how AIDS is transmitted and are not worried about sleeping where a homosexual spent the previous night.

The Key International Guide to hotels, guest houses, and resorts in which gay men and women will feel comfortable is now in its third year. The current issue also includes many bed-and-breakfast facilities, which are becoming widely accepted in North America.

The Key International Guide currently has 380 listings in the US and its territories, and 290 in other countries. It is now on sale at $6.95 in North America and US $7.95 elsewhere, from House of Leehei, PO Box 330406, Dept. PN, Coconut Grove, FL 33233. It is also on sale in the larger gay bookstores.

FT. WAYNE

Dignity, a religious group for gay Catholics, is trying to re-establish a Ft. Wayne chapter. Anyone who is interested should contact (219) 456-6570, or write Dignity, c/o New World Church and Outreach Center, PO Box 11553, Ft. Wayne, IN 46859.



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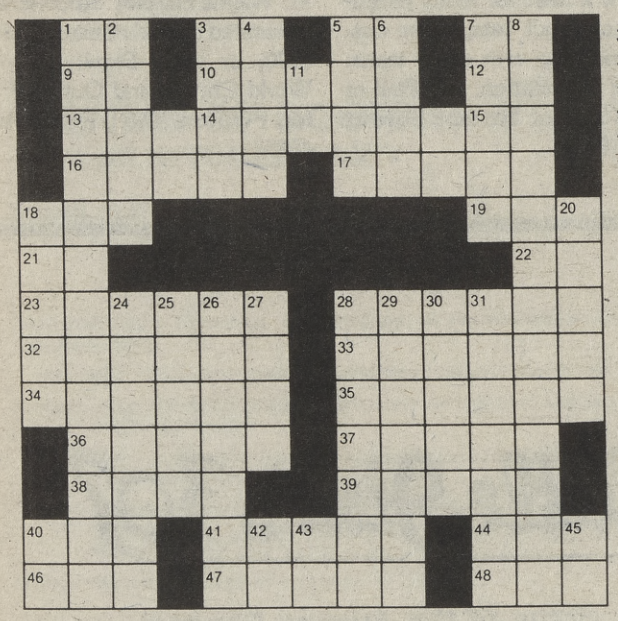

ACROSS

1. Sell cookies group (abbr.)
3. Egyptian heart
5. N.N.C loc.
7. Color abbr.
9. Ext. game inits.
10. Rain reason
12. Champagne school
13. Borrowed hanging device (2 wds.)
16. Not wet
17. Instruct
18. Rel. school
19. Suffix: origin
21. Pronoun
22. Western zip inits.
23. Handy
28. Possesses photo (2 wds.)
32. Baseball nickname
33. Gas term
34. Mario's best season (name & abbr.)
35. Dragon slayer
36. Prounoun
37. Golf patron saint?
38. Moslem Easters
39. Lariat
40. Sin
41. Orlando attraction
44. Strange
46. Posterior
47. Steal
48. Drug inits.

DOWN

1. Water sports (2 wds.)
2. Rain or rage
3. Skin eruption
4. Lost blood
5. Sex desire
6. Inactive
7. Con game
8. Grounding devices (2 wds.)
11. Western zip
14. In the meantime (Lat.)
15. Midwest zip
18. Bean and pea
20. Announcer
24. One's or Other's
25. Overflow
26. Grant
27. Harp
28. Pig food (2 wds.)
29. Plastic
30. Halts
31. Umbrella
40. Apiece (abbr.)
42. English heir apparent (inits.)
43. Radiation unit (abbr.)
45. Disney char. (inits.)

SAN FRANCISCO

The Golden Gate Business Association's (GGBA) Executive Director Steven Rascher was recently appointed by San Francisco's Mayor, Dianne Feinstein, as a member of her Small Business Advisory Commission. The Commission is a new arm of the Mayor's Office of Housing and Economic Development.

Rascher is the only gay member of the group. Other appointees represent a cross section of the rest of the city's business community, including the Council of District Merchants, the Black Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the National Urban League, and the Small Business Network.

As a member of the Commission, Rascher is responsible for representing, at City Hall, the views of gay businesses, identifying problems and possibilities facing the small-business community, and strengthening the role played by such businesses in San Francisco.

RENO

Stonewall Park Resort, "the gay resort for everyone believing in equality," is offering an opportunity to reserve (for only $25) a Gold Card Membership.

The resort is the first planned vacation/residential resort designed for fun, excitement, and relaxation in a country-club atmosphere.

Stonewall Park Resort is on schedule for a 1987 grand opening. Land acquisition has nearly been completed. The location is being kept quiet to avoid pre-development speculation. The 120-acre location offers recreational amenities and closeness to Reno and Lake Tahoe.

A formal membership drive will begin this month. It will be limited to the number of members required to maintain a 93% occupancy rate for the 500-room hotel and sufficient to support the shopping area, restaurants, and recreational facilities. According to organizers, the resort will never be overcrowded.

For more information, contact The National Association of Lesbians & Gays, Liberty Center, Suite 350, 350 South Center Street, Reno, NV 89501; telephone (702) 322-8093.

LONG BEACH

The slogan for the Long Beach Gay and Lesbian Center's library drive for more books is "Give a book for the Center...and touch someone's reading taste tonight!

The Center is replenishing its library which has been reduced by lost and unreturned volumes. More gay and lesbian sociological and psychological studies are needed in addition to more gay-lesbian novels and short stories, plus historical literature about the early days of the gay-lesbian movement.

Another collection will be video films such as "An Early Frost," "The Life and Times of Harvey Milk," or episodes of the "Brothers" cable TV series. Persons who have such films are asked to donate them to the Center.

Anyone who wants to donate material can call the Center (213) 434-3089 for pickup or can bring them to the Center, 2025 E. 10th St., Long Beach, California.

WEST HOLLYWOOD

A library with material on various Asian and Pacific cultures is being compiled by Asian/Pacific Lesbians and Gays. The library contains newspaper and magazine clippings as well as newsletters from gay Asian groups. For more information, contact Fred Bradford, c/o A/PLG, Suite 109, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046-5111.

NEW ORLEANS

The 11th Annual Southeast Lesbian and Gay Conference will be held in New Orleans June 5-8, 1986. For more information, contact the Louisiana Gay Political Action Caucus at PO Box 51877, New Orleans, LA 70151; (504) 523-3922.

At the Conference, on June 5, the National Association will present the second of its Regional Training Seminars on electoral politics. For more information on the seminar, contct the National Association's Washington office at (202) 547-3104.

COLUMBUS

Plans are being made for the 1986 Gay Awareness Week at Ohio State University. Gay women and men in the area who want to participate should contact OSU GALA, Room 315, The Ohio Union, 1739 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43210, phone (614) 422-9212. A brief description of the act or musical number, the time required, and equipment needs (i.e. spotlights, props, electrical outlets, etc.) should be included.

NEW YORK

New York City lesbians have initiated plans to establish a lesbian retirement center, as part of a resort, retreat, and healing center for women of all ages.

MATRIX has been established as a non-profit, tax-exempt foundation to achieve this. MATRIX is derived from mother, meaning that which gives origin or form to something enclosed within it.

The group held its first fundraiser at the New York City disco Lime Light. MATRIX is now seeking volunteers with skills in public relations, policy and planning, graphics, and/or typesetting, grant-proposal writing, accounting and/or bookkeeping, law, real estate, health care, social work, business, etc.

For further information, write MATRIX, c/o Eve's Garden, 119 West 58 Street, Suite 1406, New York 10019.

PHILADELPHIA

The Philadelphia Equal Rights Coalition (PERC) was formed in 1982 and has been active in mayoral and council elections as well as the state representative and presidential races. PERC has been inactive for about a year; however, there are now plans to revitalize the group.

For more information, call Scott Wilds at (215) 686-8348.

GUERNEVILLE

A crew of forty workers has been cleaning, scrubbing, and rebuilding seven days a week to get Fifes, on the Russian River, back on its feet.

At 8:00 in the morning, on February 17, the water level just kept going up. Cabins were lifted from their foundations, furniture floated away, and the staff had to evacuate the premises. Some flooding had been expected, but staff had no idea how bad the damage would really be.

Manager Mike Vayssie announced, "Essentially, we'll soon be opening a brand-new resort...the new Fifes will be better than ever!"

The spirited crew at Fifes has been hard at work; and the resort opened their dining room, lodge, and ten cabins on Good Friday, March 28. They plan to have the entire resort open for business on May Day weekend, May 2, 3, and 4, with new carpeting, drapes, and all new furnishings.

For more information, write PO Box 45, Guerneville, CA 95446; telephone (707) 869-0656.

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WRESTLING CLUB to be organized. Persons with an interest in wrestling and who may wish to participate in the Gay Games in August, should contact Steve at the Mercantile or call Dan C. at (916) 448-1916 for more information.

CAMPING WOMEN, a non-profit organization, offers the following events:

Russian River camping/canoeing. June 6, 7, 8. Sign up before Apr 15th. Women only. Celenia (916) 677-8469.

American River camping/white water rafting. July 18, 19, 20. Sign up before Apr 1. Women only. Celenia (916) 677-8469.

American River camping/white water rafting. Aug 22, 23, 24. Sign up before Mar 15th. Men and women. Celenia (916) 677-8469. Note: This is also non-profit, although it is NOT sponsored by Camping Women.

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THE SACRAMENTO Rape Crisis Center will have training for male and female volunteers who want to aid victims of sexual assault and their significant others. Crisis intervention work provides challenges, satisfaction and opportunities for personal growth. Concerned, caring individuals are needed and encouraged to participate. For more information, contact The Sacramento Rape Crisis Center, 2224 J St., Sacramento, CA 95816, telephone (916) 447-3223.

BALL CLUB A newsletter and correspondence club for men who have 'em and men who want 'em. For information, send self-addressed stamped envelope to: BC, PO Box 1501, Pomona, CA 91769.

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ROMANTIC, successful Scorpio 6' 2", 195 w/blond hair, blue eyes in 40s, looking for rare 6' tall guy w/dark hair, slant eyes, fresh hot butt. Must be interested in open, honest relationship. Write with picture to: C.R., PO Box 816, Larkspur, CA 94939.

B/W COUPLE recently moved to Reno interested in meeting other couples for socializing & friendship, not really into bar scene, interested parties PO Box 60548, Reno, NV 89506-0548.

Art work by Gage. See 'For Sale' this section.

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LOVING, WARM, affectionate bi female, early forties, wants to meet other bi-sexual men and women and gay females for friendship and dating. Sincere only. Write: L.W.A., PL-105, c/o The Patlar, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

GWM 28 5-10, 150 looking for GWM 25-35 for friend. No fats or fems. PO Box 661692, Sacramento, CA 95866-1692.

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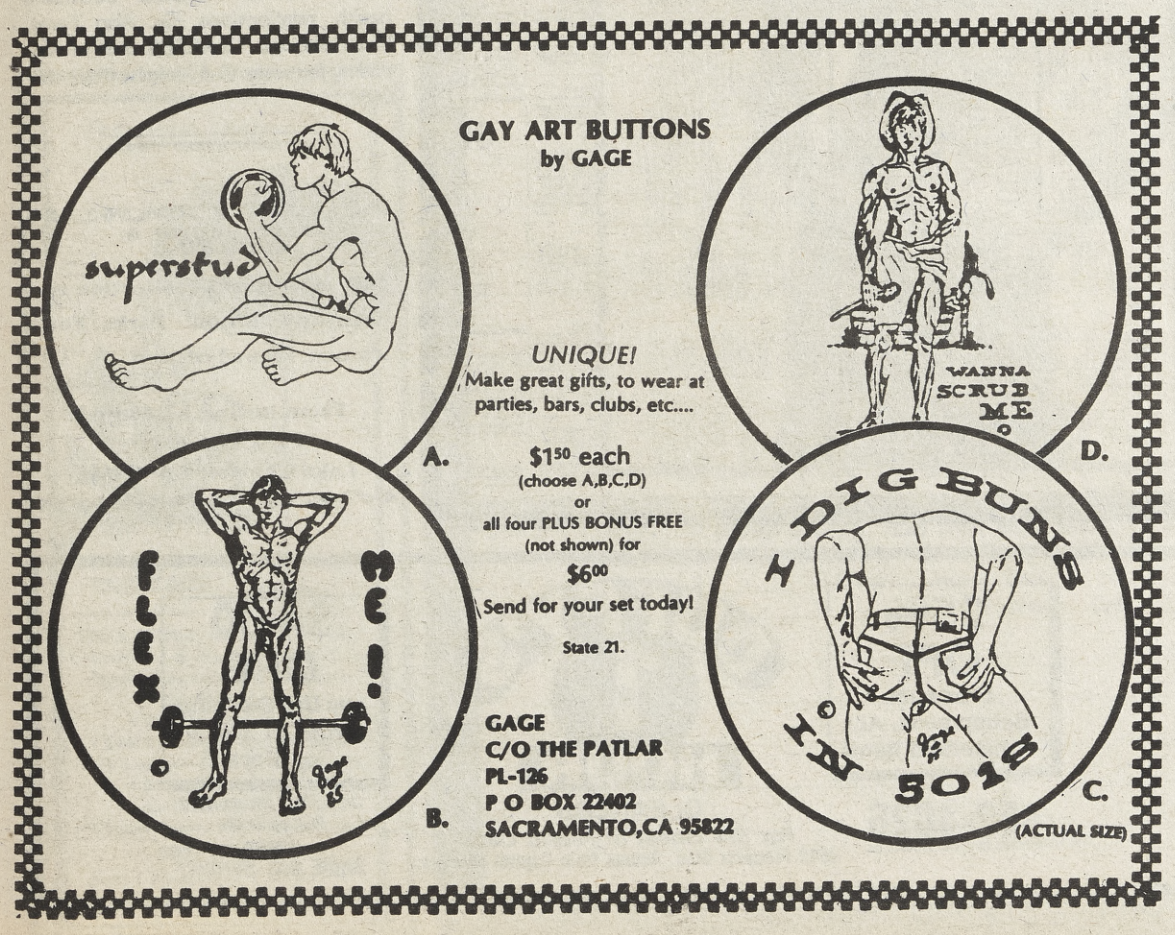

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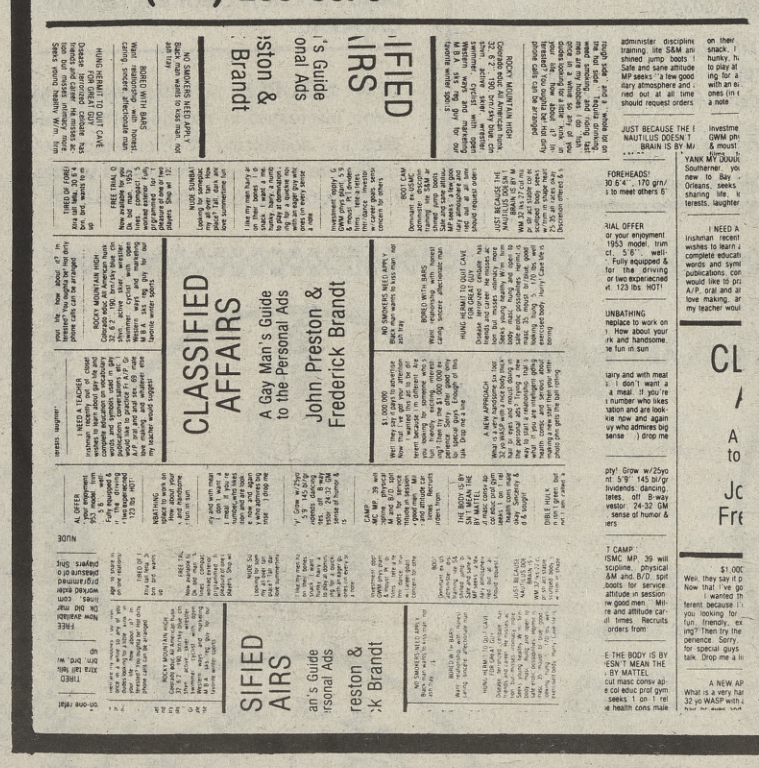

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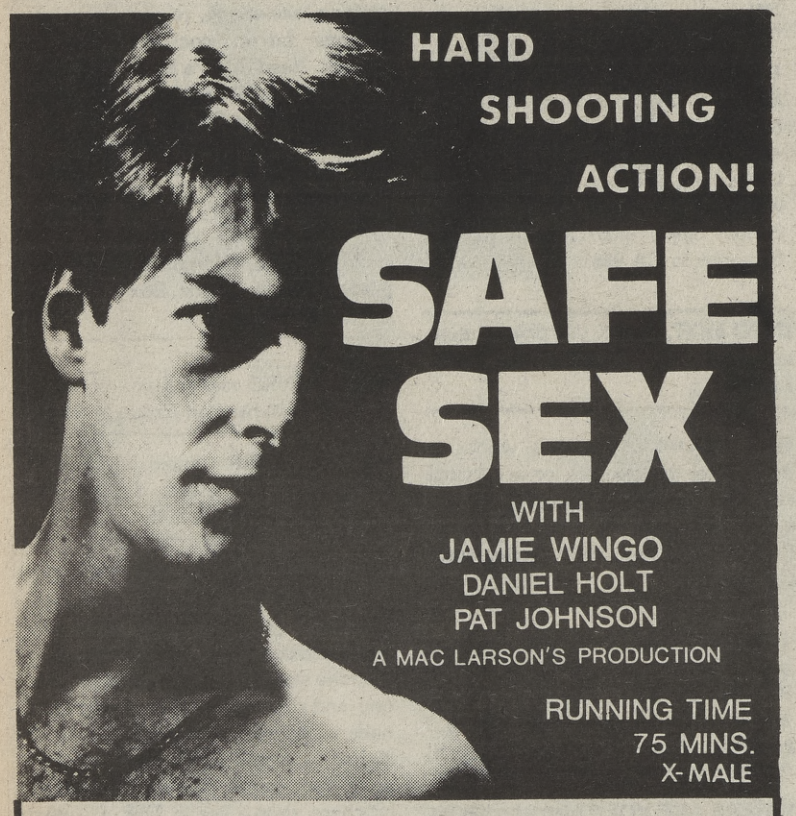

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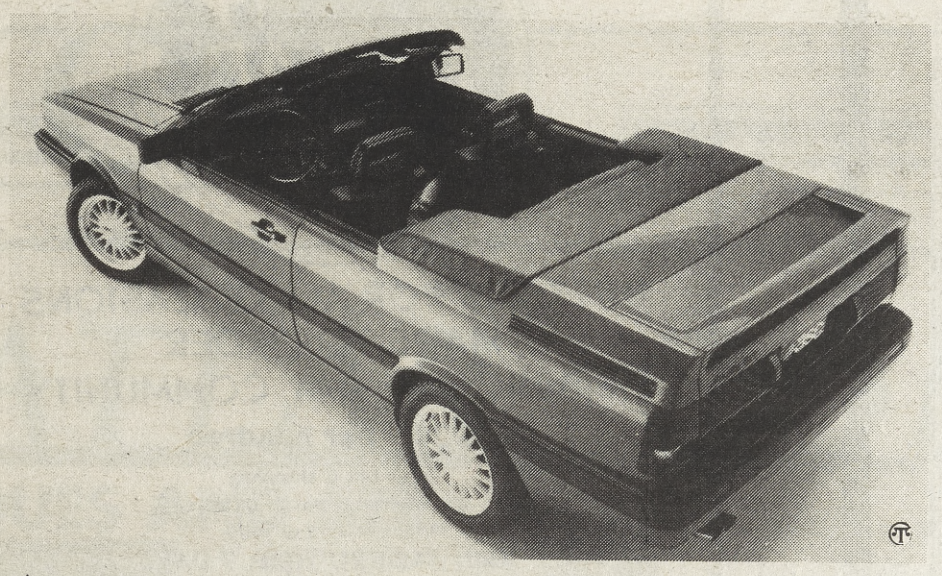

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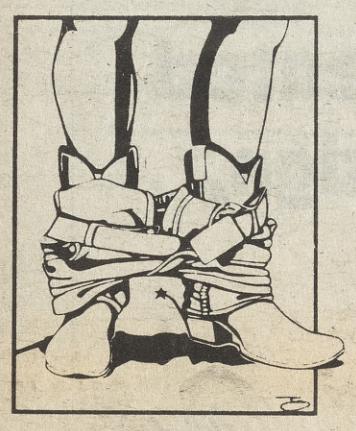

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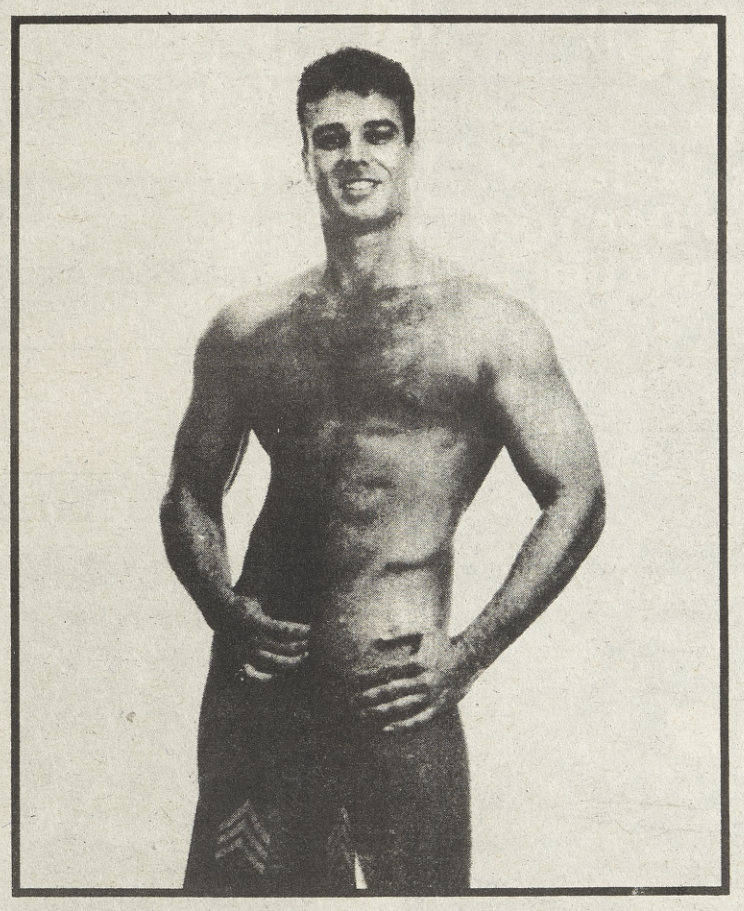

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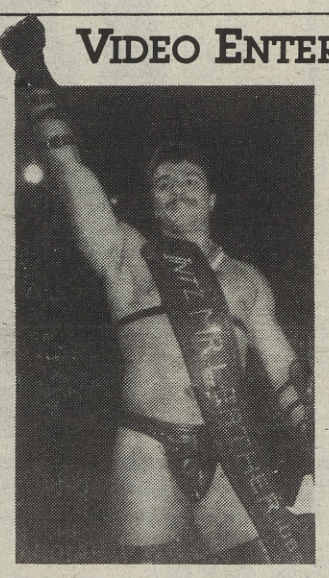

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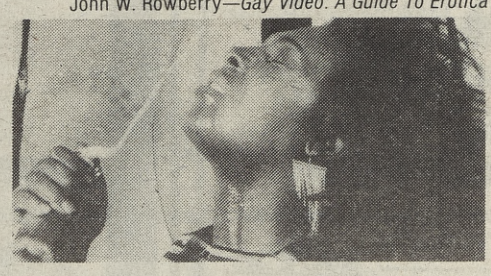

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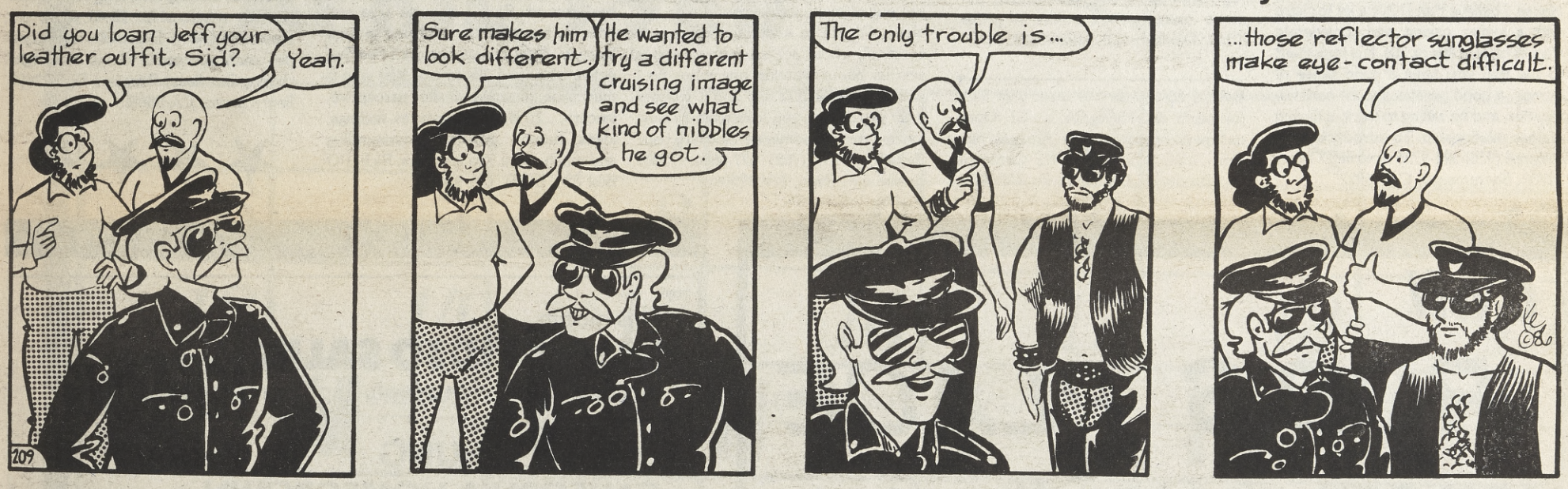
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NOT YOUR AVERAGE NO. 8. On a scale of 1 to 10, quoting Miss Piggy: Moi: GWM, early 40s. Intelligence No. 8.524; lovable No. 9; loving No. 10; looks No. 7.9139; monogamousity No. 10; snuggleability No. 10; commitment No. 10; sincerity No. 10; sense of humor No. 8.139; romantic No. 20; tobacco/drugs No. 0. Vous: very similar attributes; non-alcoholic; looking for a long-term monogamous relationship; 25-40 years old, masculine GWM. Ensemble: loving couple, each successful in his own right, sharing our lives. Respond Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

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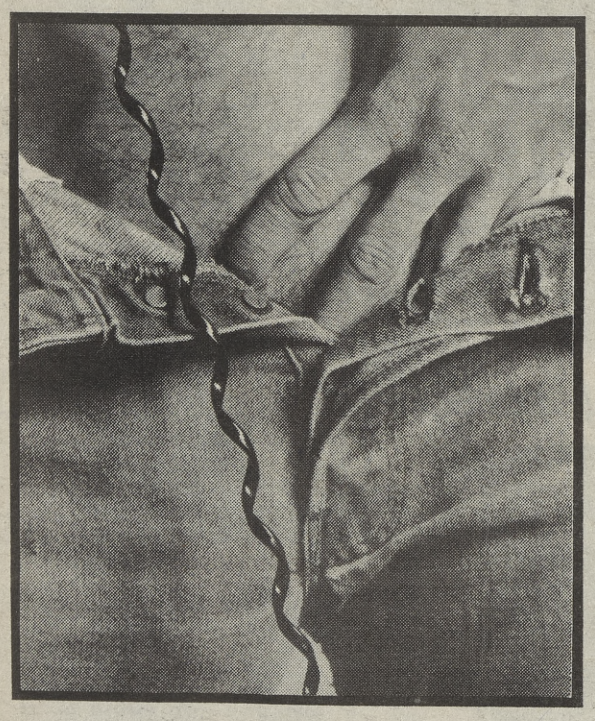

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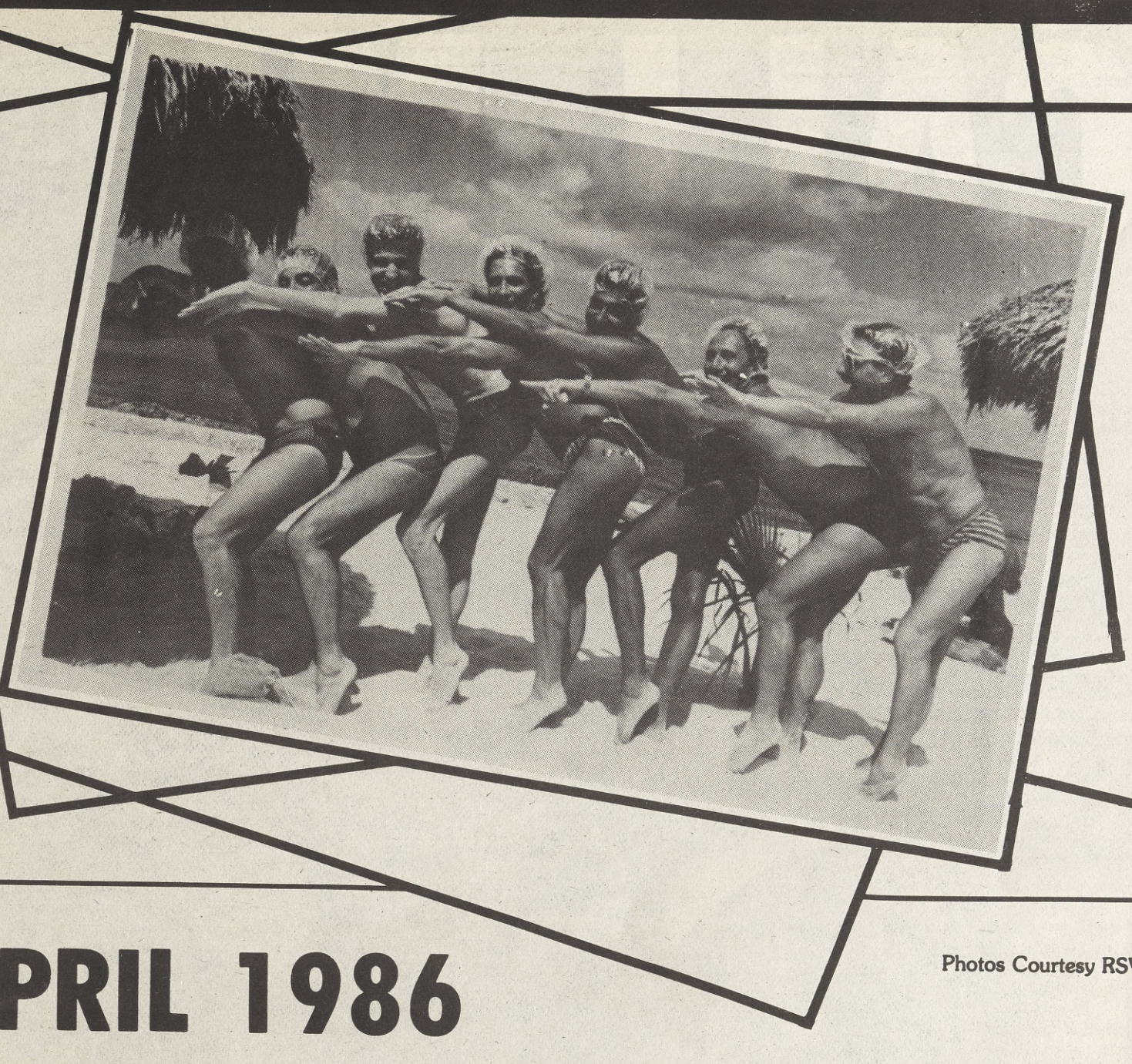

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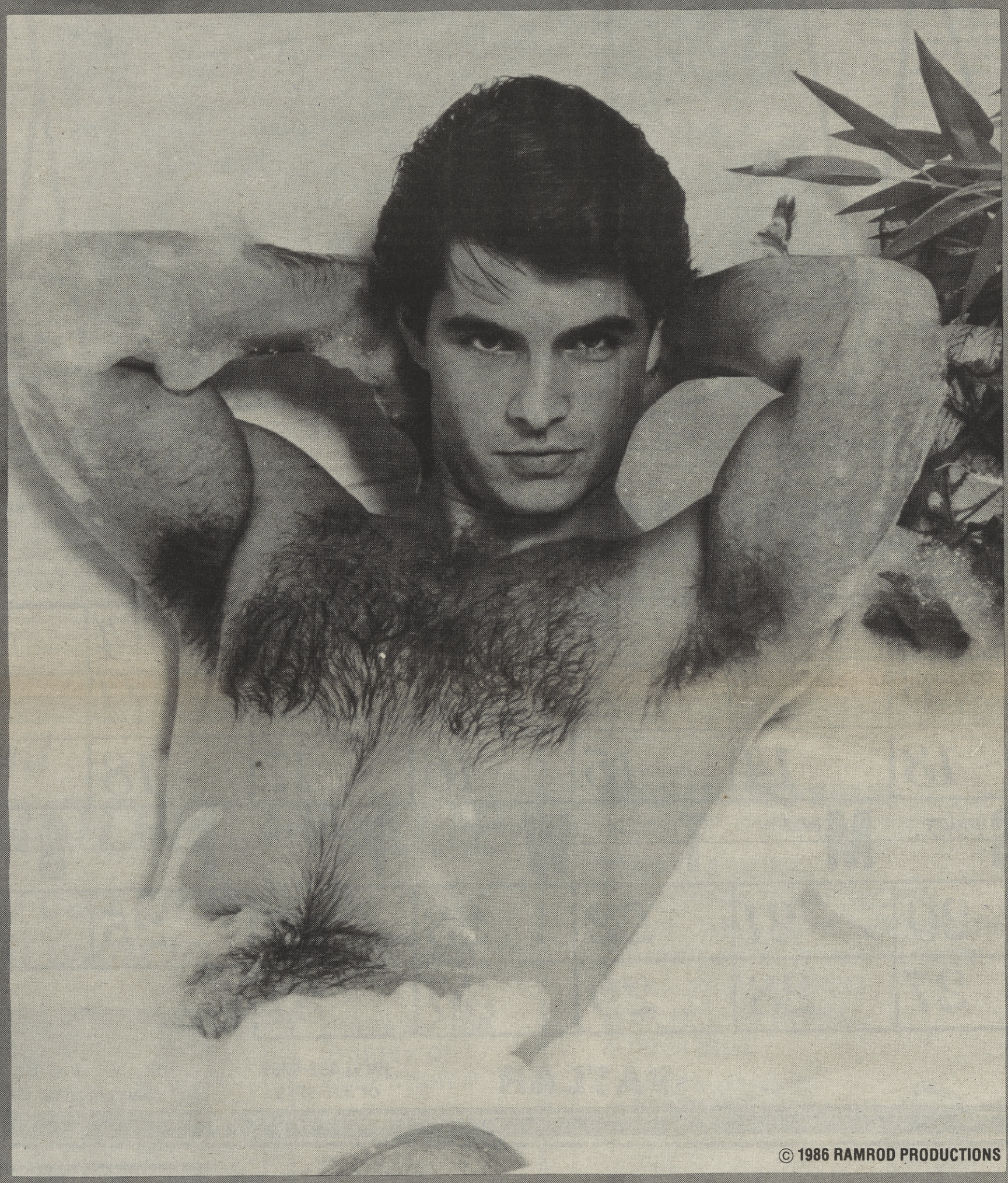

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CROSSROADS
(From p. 6)

BOSTON

In response to a resolution by openly gay Boston City Councilor David Scondras, the Boston City Council recently established by unanimous vote a Council Policy "discouraging official City participation in any event involving the promotion of Coors beer.

"Coors has a long history of anti-gay, anti-labor, and racist business practices," said Scondras. "I am proud that my colleagues and I have clearly stated that we want nothing to do with promoting Coors and what it stands for."

Joseph Coors sits on the national board of Morality in Media, a group that held a forum in Boston to advocate quarantining AIDS patients in an old leper colony in Boston harbor.

Coors allegedly founded and provides funds to the Moral Majority whose leader, Jerry Falwell, has advocated quarantines for people with AIDS and has put full-page ads in the ***Readers' Digest*** detrimental to the interests of gay people.

"The City of Boston has done something that every major and progressive city in the country should do," noted long-term gay activist and Northern California Coordinator of the Coors Boycott Committee (AFL-CIO) Howard Wallace. "It's terrific and proves that the boycott will follow Coors wherever it goes. If the boycott has the same success on the East Coast as it has had on the West Coat, Coors is in serious trouble."

FT. WAYNE

Fort Wayne's Gay Men's Group meets at the Gay/Lesbian Community Center, First Presbyterian Church, 301 W. Wayne Street. It is a discussion and support group open to all gay men. The group meets every second and fourth Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:30 PM.

For more information, contact Kenton at (219) 482-4853.

EAST LANSING

The National Association of Lesbian and Gay Alcoholism Professionals (NALGAP) will hold a mid-west regional conference in East Lansing, Michigan, April 11-13.

NALGAP has three major goals: (1) Forming a network of communcation and support for gay alcoholism professionals; (2) Gay alcoholic clients; and, (3) Assisting alcoholism agencies to better serve their gay clients.

Registration forms for the conference may be obtained from the Department of Religious Studies, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1044.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The secret National Security Agency (NSA) has agreed to reinstate two gay employees after nearly three years.

A spokesperson with NSA said that it was against policy to make any comment on personnel actions at the Agency, which is part of the Defense Department and is engaged in code breaking and communications monitoring around the globe. However, information about the action was given by Frank Kameny, a Washington, D.C. gay activist who was the administrative counsel for the two men.

The men were investigated in 1983 for being homosexual, their security clearances were suspended, and they were transferred to other jobs in the Agency. One of those jobs, according to Kameny, was designed to force them to resign—they were assigned to a warehouse moving furniture.

MADISON

The Governor's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues added community meetings in two northwestern cities to its schedule to reach more of Wisconsin's gays and lesbians.

The Council will meet April 26 in Rice Lake and August 9 in Superior. Eight other cities throughout the state also are planned. Meetings begin at 10 AM. Places are not set yet.

The meetings usually last two to three hours and allow Council members to meet with local gay men and women, law-enforcement officials, high-school principals, guidance counselors, and public-health nurses. Generally, an informal session at the local residence follows.

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Among Friends, an organization for rural Wisconsin gays, is attempting to place advertisements in about 190 newspapers in the state using the words "gay" and "lesbian."

In order to reach more gay women and men throughout the state, founder-director Jay Hatheway placed ads directly with 38 daily newspapers and through the Wisconsin Newspaper Association for another 172 weeklies. Sixteen of the 38 dailies initially refused and Hatheway estimates that fewer than 10 of the weeklies ran the ad.

He plans to challenge the newspapers based on the state's anti-discimination law that protects gays and lesbians.

According to the state's Equal Rights Division, newspapers are considered legally to be public accommodations. And public accommodations are one of the categories covered by the 1983 law.

ALBUQUERQUE

The "Committee of 100" is a Common Bond spinoff group which has assumed responsibility for the Lesbian and Gay Community Center.

The "Committee of 100" was named for the 100 members needed to pledge $10 per month to support a Community Center. It was decided to have individuals in the community take over the financial commitment for the Center, since the grant money previously used to support the Center was re-directed to other uses.

Also, a search team is seeking alternatives to the Center's current space at 1101 Cardenas, N.E., Suite 203, where the lease expires in April.

To join the Committee of 100 by pledging $10 per month, or for more information, call Tom Neal at (505) 242-5303.

INDIANAPOLIS

The Greater Indianapolis Gay Business Association will have "Sweetheart Ball" on Sunday April 13 from 8:00 PM to midnight. The theme is "The Prom You Always Wanted" and will feature live shows.

A buffet is included in the ticket price. There will also be a cash bar.

The profits will be divided equally between The Bag Ladies, Justice, and The Gay/Lesbian Switchboard for use in the AIDS-related work of these organizations.

Tickets are $15 per couple and may be purchased at the 21 Club, The Body Works, The Unicorn, and One Way. Men and women are asked to attend wearing tuxedos or ball gowns.

The event will take place at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in the State Farm Building which is located on the north side of the fairgrounds. Participants should enter the fairgrounds on the 38th Street side.

HOROSCOPES! FOR THE HORNY!!

by Dr. Pat Larr

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): Put your love life on hold this month. That special someone proves hard to hold (and isn't that just the way you like it?)

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): Your House of Secrets comes crumbling down around you when an old friend lets the cat out of the bag. You've just been in the sack with too many people; that's all, cutie.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): An ex-playmate returns to help you re-write history. Yes, it's ***War and Peace*** time again; and, yes, this time it's got a happy ending.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): Community affairs occupy all your time just now. You know how you love making your love life public. It's so good for your image.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): With Mercury and Venus rubbing each other the right way this month, you're sure to raise temperatures. A mysterious stranger falls into your loving arms at month's end.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): Stop bashing your head against the wall. Your heart's desire just doesn't desire you. There are other fish in the sea. Fry 'em!

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22): Tax time finds you reaping expected dividends. An old flame compounds your interest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 20): A mysterious stranger strips you of your inhibitions. Play it safe. Now is not the time to get carried away.

CAPRICORN (Dec 21-Jan 19): A momentary glimpse of a handsome stranger throws off your concentration all month long. Don't worry; it's fated you'll meet.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): Your spring wardrobe needs work. Remember, clothes make the man if the man wants to be made.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): Someone looking for an older person focuses their attention on you. Yes, they'll prove that you're not getting older, you're getting better.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): Don't let appearances deceive you. That big bulge just may be an avocado. That single someone probably isn't.

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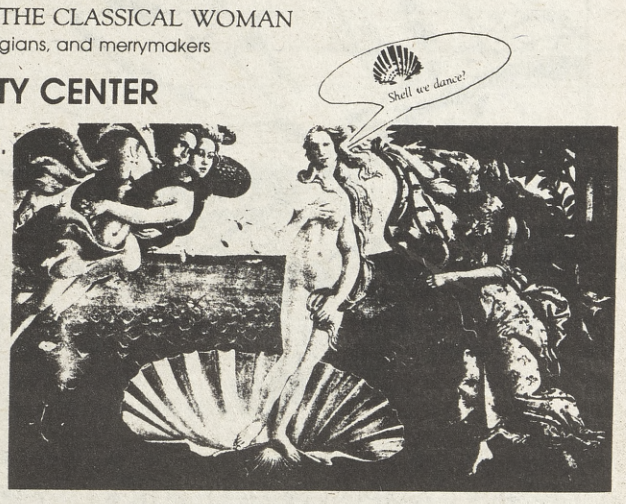

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A LETTER TO SACRAMENTO'S GAY COMMUNITY

Dear Friends:

Have you ever wondered where all the monies go that you donate so often to charitable causes? Me too! Hence this letter; I apologize for its being a month late.

You helped me raise $509 for ***"Prom '86."*** I donated that amount, as I advertised that I would, to the AIDS Foundation (Hand to Hand Program), for which donation I have a signed receipt dated January 25, 1986.

My personal thanks to all of you who attended the ***Prom '86.*** You did a great job for another fun-filled evening in Sacramento. Practice those dances, 'cause next year we'll do it all over again!

With love,

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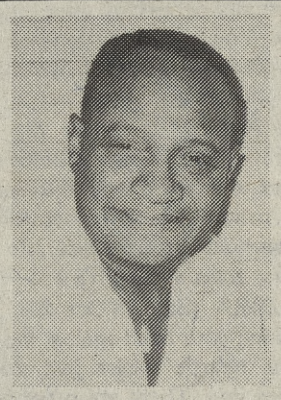

ERNIE BROWN

VIEWS FROM RIVER CITY

Spring finally has sprung in all of her warmth and glory. Have all of you young men's & women's fancies turned yet? Hang in there; you still have time!...One of the main highlights of March was The Meeting With The Mayor (Anne Rudin) at City Hall. It was a very constructive, instructive, enlightening meeting. Our Mayor is quite a lady. Also at the meeting was Lee C. Dohm, City of Sacramento (Deputy Chief) Office of Investigations. The members of our community who attended were Shannon & Patty from The Blue Moon, Terry Sidee from Faces, Bernie from The Rose, Mike Garten from RCBA, and yours truly, Ernie Brown, from The Mercantile Saloon. The main topics of the meeting were: What can be done to improve communication; How can we be of assistance in helping cut down on crime in our community; and Not being afraid to report a wrong-doing happening in our community. Here is one of the things that the police is considering. In the near future they may put a foot cop in our community; one who will be constantly visible, one who is non-homophobic. In the meantime, they are asking us to report any crime whether it be little or big. In doing so, they may be able to detect a pattern. They also suggest that we should take precautions when walking home alone. The Mayor reminded us that anytime we wanted to sit down and discuss anything, her door is always open...A group of gay and lesbian Episcopalians have recently met twice at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, taking preliminary steps to form a diocese-wide chapter of Integrity, the Episcopal Church's ministry to the gay community. Their next meeting will be April 20 at 4:00 PM at St. Paul's, 1430 J Street. For more info, call (916) 736-6669 or 446-2620 and ask for Rand or Ken-...Coming up in April around town: Scandals/BoJangles, trendsetters that they are, are starting "Not For Ladies Night Only" every Tuesday night. If the boys can have their strip night, then so can the girls. So, Girls, if you've got it, flaunt it! First prize, $100 every Tuesday night. There will be thirteen weeks of this; the grand prize, given at the end of the thirteenth week, will be a round-trip to Hawaii. Still at S/BJ, the last Saturday in every month they will have after-hours. April 26, a night you will never forget, starring Bianca! Show starts at 10:00 PM. $3 cover...The highlight of this month in Sacramento will undoubtedly be GNIE Coronation '86 to be held April 12 at The Convention Center. Make your reservations now! This year's candidates for Emperor & Empress are Ticket One: Terry Sidee & Alexis; Ticket Two: Randi & Ralph. Four beautiful candidates. Talk to them; get to know them; vote your choice...Do you consider yourself someone special? I am sure you do. Well, every week Cleo's chooses their "special customer of the week." If you are lucky enough to be chosen, you own a barstool and specially priced drink for a week. So be on your best behavior...The Buffalo celebrates spring on Thursday, May first. A full day of fun and togetherness to celebrate the grand opening of their newly remodeled patio, happy-hour prices all night starting at four; live band til midnight, door prizes every hour. $1 at the door. The highlight of the evening will be a patio barbecue, 6 til 10 PM ($2). The special of the evening: Rename The Buffalo. Seems as though he forgot his other name. $1 gets you three choices. $100 1st prize, $25 second, $15 third. Judging at 10:30. Profits to benefit the AIDS Foundation & Saga 2...The Western as you may know is the only gay bar that opens at 6 AM; it has now been dubbed "The Breakfast Club." If you have seen it on the weekend mornings, you will know from whence came the nickname...

William Tell Reviews:

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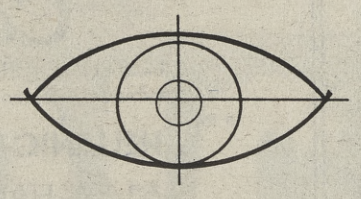
In a classroom filled with hunks, a failing student, Rick, discusses his "problem" with his teacher. The teacher discovers Rick's real interest lies in porno magazines. Student and teacher find that they have a common interest—each other! Rick is put to "the test" in the now-empty classroom. For Rick and his teacher, class isn't out very soon!

Another student, Brian, appears on the teacher's doorstep expressing an intense desire to pump iron. The teacher reveals a beautiful body which turns on his student. Soon the two men are going at it in the teacher's workout room. After shedding their workout clothes, the guys engage in exercises rarely sen at your local gym.

Beautifully photographed and edited, this film (which is available at ***Films for Days*** in Sacramento) will truly hold your attention.



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THE BOTTICELLI BALL!

by Madame Szwambi

Watching Cherie Gordon try to face down mid-life crisis is like watching a swollen levee. You know something is going to happen and you know it's going to be big. "I'm planning," she says, green eyes glinting, "the most spectacular gay extravaganza Sacramento has ever seen."

Cherie Gordon really means it. She is producing, on May 10, the Botticelli Angel Costume Ball, a women's cultural event that will combine music, theatre, and dance in an atmosphere that will be absolutely unforgettable. If the Botticelli Ball is at all like any of Gordon's other productions, it will be an evening of mad-cap merrymaking, high theatre, and out-law revelry that borders on the bizarre.

What impels Gordon, owner of Flash Gordon Costumes in Carmichael, to undertake such an ambitious project? "I've been too respectable and too staid for too long," she says. "I haven't done anything in the theatre since '82 when I produced ***Dykes on Parade.***"

Gordon plans to make good on her promise of an unforgettable evening by providing an all-female band, a one-act play performed by Le Theatre Lesbien, a choreographed dance routine to Meg Christian's "Leaping Lesbians," a costume contest with cash prizes, free champagne, beer, soda, coffee, and hor d'eouvres, vestal virgins (yes!), gracious Graces, and, finally, a spectacular appearance by the Botticelli Angel herself.

Who is this Botticelli Angel and what does she represent? "The Botticelli Angel is for me the unattainable in feminine perfection and beauty," says Gordon. "She is my ideal, my vision of classical elegance and charm. The Ball is my tribute to delicate and ethereal female loveliness. The Botticelli Angel is my mid-life obsession and I want to do right by her."

Gordon co-founded Le Theatre Lesbien. Among the epic dramas it has staged in the past are ***The Homobrontosarus***, ***Prince Albert's Last Fuck***, ***From Lesbos to Homophobia***, ***The Frog***, ***Cowdykes at the Lavender Corral***, and***Dykes on Parade***. Now Le Theatre is back and the Botticelli Ball looms on the spring horizon.

Advance tickets for the Botticelli Angel Costume Ball are $20 at Lioness Books and Flash Gordon Costumes. The Ball will be at the Hellenic Community Center, 614 Alhambra Blvd., from 8 PM to 2 AM on May 10, 1986, and is a women's-only event.

"OVER EIGHTEEN"

by Sam Keasbey

Have you ever pondered an imponderable? And after you struggled with the problem, you knew you weren't any closer to an answer; and you wanted someone to appear from outer space, or heaven, or to rise from the dead and say, "Just for you, I'm going to tell you the answer." Maybe this being would give you an hour of earth time, and so you'd rush to ask questions such as:

1. Where does love come from and where does it go?
2. Why do we wonder?
3. Why is grass green?
4. Do we have a soul?
5. Does God exist?
6. Has life a goal?
7. Is there such a thing as reincarnation?
8. If I come back, will I be gay?

For most of my life, I have been pondering the imponderables instead of memorizing baseball batting averages or figuring my gas mileage. As a result, I am woefully uninformed about such matters as the existential qualities of "Leave It To Beaver," or the jocularities of "Happy Days," or the advantages of zip-lock trash bags and four-barrel carburetors. My grip on reality has been tenuous at best. At times I preferred to have a bottle in front of

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EIGHTEEN

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me instead of a frontal lobotomy. Now I realize they are one and the same.

There were times I longed to talk to Einstein, but he died. Why would he want to talk to me, and would I be able to understand him, mere mortal that I am?

When I learned that scientists had removed his brain, pickled it, sliced it up, and sent it off to various laboratories for study, I realized the situation was hopeless. If I conjured him up from the dead, how could he talk without a brain. I was saddened.

Therefore, you can imagine my excitement the other day when I heard Jane Pauley announce on the "Today" show that her next guest would be the smartest person in the world, scoring an intelligence rating of 230. Since an IQ of 130 qualifies one to participate in programs for the gifted, I was interested to see what an extra 100 points would produce. Feminists will note that the smartest person turned out to be a woman, thereby resolving that ancient battle between the two approved sexes.

I wondered whether every other word would be in Latin or Greek. Could she recite the Bible backwards? Had she learned perhaps a hundred languages on her coffee breaks? What were her solutions to the world's problems? What were her thoughts on death and taxes, war and peace, divorce and marriage?

Who were her parents? Was it difficult growing up? Was it hard to be smarter than her teachers; smarter, in fact, than anyone else in the entire world? Was she lonely? Was she well adjusted? Had she memorized batting averages during pledge breaks on public TV? Did she figure out her gas mileage in her head as she stopped for red lights? Had she ever made a B in school? Did she finish college while the rest of us were still stacking our blocks in our cribs? Had she, too, ever had a whopper at Burger King? How did she look upon the possibility of having her brain removed, pickled, sliced, and put into a jar?

And to what wondrous uses had she put her brain? Where did she work, and for whom? Had she married the world's smartest man? What were their children like? Had they managed to complete elementary school from inside the womb?

On and on, my puny brain sizzled and spat out questions for which I wanted answers.

Alas, Jane Pauley asked nothing of import nor anything that I was remotely interested in. I learned that questions on IQ tests bored her, and that if you weren't verbal, you shouldn't even bother with the Wechsler or Binet; that Einstein never took an IQ test. She mentioned she had neglected to send her publisher several books, that she hoped he wasn't mad at her for being so lax. She wasn't interested in making money, but sought inner fulfillment. She gave no details.

The interview lasted about a minute, and then the camera shifted to the missile crisis, the capsule crisis, and the Marcos crisis. Ms. de Savant (for such was her name) went back into obscurity with neither a bang nor whimper.

I turned to my friend and asked incredulously, "Is that all!?" His comment was that it was too bad they didn't ask for her blueberry-muffin recipe.

Stunned by the TV treatment, I returned to pondering my imponderables again: Why do men fight wars? Why are people starving although we have plenitude? What is anti-matter? Do doppelgangers really exist? Do grasshoppers have souls? If lizards can regenerate tails, why can't men grow new legs? How can bears hibernate? Would hibernation save the world from starvation?

Sadly I realized I would never know why the right glove would fit the left hand in the fourth dimension. Then I heard Joan Rivers' voice telling me to grow up, and then she asked, "Can we talk?" But I was in a contemplative mood. I reached over and pulled my sports encyclopedia from the bookcase and opened it at random. My eyes glanced down, and suddenly I knew what I must do. In front of me lay thousands of batting averages, and I immediately began to commit them to memory. Tomorrow I will drive my car and compute my mileage, stopping at Burger King. See you there. I want to be the first to spot Herb eating a whopper and win a million dollars or so.

GRANDFATHER

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mushrooms while they're cooking. These two ingredients decrease their music. Heating them twice (refried) is effective, too.

How could I live through the winter without split-pea soup?

Balancing Your Diet With Grains

Balancing the five types of grains is essential in a good diet. I make sure that I get equal quantities of the five grains each week. You won't be able to do this in a Madison Avenue Supermarket, but a co-op or health-food grocery will have all of them in stock. Supermarket meat counters have soybeans in the ground meats, but not because they are nutritious, only because they are cheap. Also, it is highly desirable to eat grains twice a day. My diet consists of 40 to 60 percent grain, and it is cheap, too. I have eaten well and nutritiously on food stamps plus about 20 dollars a month.

One of the best things that happened to me was discovering that I am allergic to the hard red winter wheat used to make loaf breads. This forced me into exploring other grains and the Five Element Medical Diet. Since I couldn't eat hard wheat without serious consequences, I started to eat a variety of grains and have not regretted it over the years. Cookies, cakes, crackers, crusts, and flat breads can be made of almost any grain flour, and when you add your own herbs, seeds, and spices, you have a meal fit for a peasant. Let the kings and politicians eat cake, white-sugar icing and all! And every gay and lesbian knows that Twinkies will drive youy mad.

Fresh Ground Grains

I bought a grain mill, a Corona, and started grinding my own flour. What a difference! Freshly ground flour of any kind is so much more tasty. All flours lose 70% of their nutritional value in 3 days. And all the king's horses and all the king's men and Madison Avenue can't put it back again.

I grind my grains just before I use them. I get all the bran of all the grains, not just wheat bran and rice polish. I get all the germ, not just wheat germ. Modern laboratory nutrition doesn't know all the nutrition I get this way. They haven't even analyzed rice and rye germ to tell me what marvels they do for my epiglottis—but my taste knows. When I eat some cake or rolls from a store, even the best health-food store, the taste seems dead to me these days.

Try rye flour for a quiche crust, oat and/or barley flour for a fruit pie crust, rice flour in your white sauces. Mix and match. Balance and bite. Discover a new world of flavor. Or is it an old world?

Any flour can make a cake. Not a French haute-cuisine cake, but a French peasant cake. The graininess of a coarsely ground flour will be there and so will the flavor. Oat and barley cakes are a Scotch delight. Cornbreak with anise or fennel seed will make your mouth water for more.

A year of eating freshly ground flour will make a real difference in how you feel, how often you get sick, and how often you can get it up! And a hand grain mill is great exercise for biceps and pecs. So grind away and consider inviting your bald-headed neighbor over for some freshly baked peasant bread with five different grains it it. Eat like a pig.

"AT WORK"

AIDS: Handling A Difficult Subject At Work

by Stephen Dolainski
and
Stephen Husa

Sooner or later, the subject of AIDS is going to come up at work. If you haven't already had to deal with the issue, the likelihood is that you will, sooner or later, on some level. And the best approach to handling the subject is to be prepared ahead of time to deal with it.

Despite the efforts of the medical and gay communities to quell the public's fears, myth and hysteria still cloud whatever facts we know about the disease, particularly its cause and transmission. The only way to counter myth, for youself and for others, is to become well informed about AIDS. Self education is a sensible strategy. Not only do you reduce your own stress brought on by fear of the unknown, but you can become a resource of information for others.

According to a national poll conducted by the *Los Angeles Times* last December, people who were the most knowledgeable about AIDS feared it the least. Those who had less knowledge about AIDS had more misconceptions about the disease, particularly about its spread. In San Francisco, a city with one of the highest per capita instances of AIDS, 56% of the respondents rated themselves informed about the disease, but only 34% were concerned about AIDS as a personal health problem. Nationally, particularly in cities like New York and Los Angeles, knowledge of the disease was lower and concern about it was higher.

Whether AIDS can be transmitted casually, without sexual contact or exposure to infected blood, still seems to be the area of greatest public concern and is a subject that may come up at work. (A recent *LA Times* poll found that 24% of the public believes they can catch AIDS from a toilet seat.) Medical experts have stated repeatedly that casual contact with a person with AIDS poses little or no risk, and that position was recently confirmed in a study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. You may not want to announce that or an other AIDs-related news in the lunchroom (and that's probably a good decision), but you can easily offer the information if someone else brings up the subject first.

Just how much you speak out

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publicly at work is up to you. Situations vary and what is acceptable in one workplace may be unacceptable in another. So it is important to evaluate your work situation and prepare yourself accordingly. Still, regardless of your situation or the amount of information you have, there is just so much you can do to enlighten others. After all, just as you have to educate yourself about AIDS, so must they before they can let go of their fear and prejudice.

There are, however, other AIDS-related situations that may come up at work in which you will feel more secure if you're armed with some sensible personal strategies.

One possibility is that a co-worker will be diagnosed with AIDS. That is a time for compassion and integrity in any environment.

Another possibility is that you will be asked to participate in a company-sponsored blood drive. Although the HTLV-III antibody test is now used to screen donated blood, moral obligation should prevent anyone in a high-risk group from donating blood. You shouldn't feel obligated to share your personal or medical reasons for not donating blood, but you may wish to offer some explanation to avoid speculation about your sexuality or health. You could politely decline by saying that you've had a cold or flu in the past week, or hepatitis a long time ago. The American Red Cross also advises against giving blood if you are currently taking medication or antibiotics. Whatever your reason, develop an appropriate response before you're asked to participate rather than coming up with an excuse on the spot and in the presence of other volunteers.

A third possibility is the loss of a friend or loved one to AIDS. Coping with grief is stressful enough under normal circumstances, but if for some reason you are unable to express your grief at work, the stress could seem unbearable. The ideal solution would be to tell your boss about your loss and take some time off. Since you may not have those options, it is vitally important to establish an outside support network, where support can come from a friend, a counselor, or AIDS organization.

Other possibilities you should consider are issues regarding your own health and AIDS-related insurance questions. Talk to your physician (off the record) if you have any AIDS-related concerns about your health as it relates to your insurance. Concerned Insurance Professionals for Human Rights (CIPHR, PO Box 691006, Los Angeles, CA 90069-9006) can provide you with more information about AIDS and insurance coverage.

Clearly, the best approach for handling the subject of AIDS in the workplace is to be prepared ahead of time to deal with it. Think about what issues might come up, who might have the most difficulty handling the subject, and how you're going to respond. Anticipating problems or awkward situations puts you in a better position to influence a positive outcome.

THE KITCHEN FAIRY

April In Paris:
Frenching A Chicken!

C'est spring! The sap is on the rise. Fresh, young things are bursting. A man's fancy fancies. Let's face it, doll, this is the time of year when romance is in the pants. And, as far as this fairy's concerned, there's no place for romance like Paris. Especially in April with the chests and nuts in blossom, and the Champs Elysees positively gay with birds. There's nothing like a little French (or, better yet, a big one) to make me feel the ting of spring.

With that in mind, and realizing most of you have missed your yearly pilgrimage to this grand and glorious city, I have devised an intime dinner for two that will make you feel like you're sitting on top of the Tour Eiffel (oooh!) Unlike so many things I adore, this is not hard—but the taste, honey, it would melt the heart of a bone-a-part. Voila and ou la la!

FLAMING CHICKEN
(Chicken with Cognac)
CREAMING GAYTATOES
(Creamed Potatoes)
LA DIVINE SPEAR TOUR EIFFEL
(Asparagus)
VIVA LA SHORTCAKE
(Strawberry Shortcake)

Tres chic, but tres simple.

Flaming Chicken

This is no tough, old stewing bird. This, sweetlips, is a spring chicken—a plump and juicy bird, tender, young, and willing with the blush of the pluck still rosy on its skin. And you, you naughty thing, are going to French this spring chicken, annointing it with oil and butter, showering it with vermouth, and, finally, bringing it down in flames! My, my, my, I do so love this time of year!

Prep Time: 10 mins.
Cooking Time: 35-40 mins.
Ingredients:

1 (3 lb) tender, young broiler/-fryer. (Have your butcher split it down the middle from stem to stern. How butch!)
Olive oil
Salt and pepper
1 garlic cloved, minced (This is not the way your chicken walks!)
Butter
4 teaspoons French dry vermouth
1½ ounces French brandy or cognac

Preparation:

1. Wash your bird and pat it dry. (After all, who knows where it's been!)
2. Slather your bird all over with olive oil.
3. Sprinkle it with salt and pepper.
4. Slap the 2 halves on a broiling pan with the cavity facing up, the breast facing down. (An excellent position!)
5. Sprinkle the 2 halves with ½ of the garlic.
6. Dot the dears with butter, and pour a teaspoon of vermouth into each cavity.
7. Put your bird under the broiler (4 inches from the heat) for 20 minutes. Watch it so it doesn't brown too much! (You wouldn't want to burn your bird!) If it starts to brown too quickly, withdraw it from the oven and lower the broiler rack a peg.
8. Flip your bird over. Dot it with butter. Sprinkle it with the rest of the garlic and pour the remaining vermouth over it. Broil for 15 to 20 minutes until brown and tender (two of my favorite things!).
9. Place the chicken in a warm, fire-proof serving dish.
10. Flame that chicken! Heat the brandy till it is just warm, pour it over your bird and quickly touch a lighted match to it. It will catch fire fast (so do I, doll), so be careful not to go up in flames before you serve the entree! Note: This is tres theatrical, so don't waste your performance. Be certain to flame your bird in front of an audience, preferably at the table.

Creaming Gaytatoes

Creaming elevates the lowly gaytato to food fit for a...well, let's just say it certainly takes on more regal air! And, in this fairy's estimation, anything is better creamed. Recipes for creaming spuds (or is that studs?) abound, doll. But should you be unable to locate one, scalloped or au gratin will also do your bird justice. What you want is something creamy and moist (don't we all) to contrast your crispy-skinned chicken. (Sensually speaking, contrasting lets your mouth know it's alive. And once it knows....)

The Divine Spear Tour Eiffel
Serves: 2

As the Eiffel Tower stands erect piercing the Paris sky, so the regal asparagus spear towers over the vegetable kingdom. Long and green and young and lovely...and oh those tips!

Prep Time: 5 mins.
Cooking Time: 5 mins.
Ingredients:

16 medium asparagus spears (Not those big, fat, tough spears. Nor those skinny, little, stringy things. Go for the ones that are right down the middle!)
Melted butter
Salt and pepper

Preparation:

1. Wash your spears and snap off the tough ends.
2. Place spears in a steamer over cool water. Bring to a boil and steam for 2 to 5 minutes until just tender. (Don't let your spears go limp and mushy, honey.)
3. Remove from steamer. Annoint with butter. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Viva La Shortcake

What can I say, girls, it's the berries!

Ingredients:

1 pint fresh strawberries
2 cups flour
2 Tablespoons sugar
3 teaspoons salt
1/3 cup shortening
1 cup milk
Butter
Rum
Sweetened whipped cream

Preparation:

1. Wash and slice your berries. If desired (as I'm sure you are), sprinkle with a little sugar.
2. Preheat your oven to 450 degrees. Grease up a round, 8-inch layer pan.
3. Measure the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt into a bowl..
4. Cut in the shortening (oooh!) until the mixture resembles a coarse meal.
5. Stir in the milk till just blended.
6. Pat the mixture into the pan. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or till golden brown.
7. Cut into serving pieces. Split the hot pieces and butter. If your shortcake has cooled, split and toast it under a broiler before buttering.
8. Sprinkle the buttered side with a little rum. Give it the berries. Top with a good dollop of sweetened whipped cream. (There is no such thing as left-over whipped cream—at least if you have any imagination, there isn't!)

Kiss. Kiss.
The Kitchen Fairy

Born Again...Again!

by Frank Batey

Illinois Governor James R. Thompson recently commuted Gary Dotson's 25-to-50-year prison term. Dotson had already served six years in prison. His sentence was commuted because Cathy Crowell Webb became a "born again" Christian three years ago. Restitution...or conscience...brought Webb to alter her 1979 testimony that Gary Dotson...or someone-...had raped her. At best, some are happy for Dotson that his prison ordeal may be over. Still conflicting testimonies leave many Americans wondering just what happened and how it made Dotson a protracted victim of our court system and organized religion.

The Governor, having commuted...not pardoned...Mr. Dotson's sentence, appears to have covered all his bases. He claims to still believe Dotson was guilty; not Webb. And Illinois may be free from liabilities and a lawsuit by Dotson over his prison term because Dotson received no pardon.

For whatever her reasons to have lied, Cathy Webb remains the crux of a newsy, bizzare story. On religious television, Webb has approached hero status for her recantation—three years *after* being "born again." She says, now, she'll write a book about her experience.

To celebrate his release from prison in time for Mother's Day, Dotson said he'd "get loaded." At recent hearings, Webb's old Air Force boyfriend passed as an expert witness on "coitus interruptus"...it wasn't him, either. A witness on Dotson's behalf claimed they watched "Love Boat" episodes two months before that TV series had premiered. The public may never know...nor care to know...what actually happened to cause Cathy Webb to slice herself up, rip her dress apart, and scream "rape," then to be "born again" and claim "no rape" for national audiences. Gary Dotson and the public seem to be the real losers. We wonder where this will all go.

Will Cathy Webb offer restitution or residuals to Dotson for his period of imprisonment and unemployment? Will she be sent to prison for perjury? How much restitution will she offer the man she claims to have lied about for a rape she concocted? Will her restitution extend to the court, society, and the women her nattering has already impinged?

Cathy Webb has sown dragon's teeth by frontlining what most would sooner forget. Hers may be a hollow act to many TV viewers, newspaper and magazine readers, news reporters, court personnel, judges, and a governor. And we wonder how many other cases of rape, perjury, and restitution Webb's Cadmean confessions may affect, if any.

Has this all come about (belatedly) because Webb was "born again," or has a conscience actually been resuscitated? It is reported that Jesus of Nazareth used the term "born again" once in conversation. "Armageddon" is also only mentioned once in the Bible. Both terms, however, are liberally used by modern religious fundamentalists. Both terms permeate the hard-sell language of Bible-thumpers who'd have us all think collectively if we think at all. Like many terms in common use, these two terms may have approached obsolescence through overuse by religious fundamentalists. The Webb-Dotson case is just one example.

It almost shocked some Americans when rhythm-and-blues singer, Pat Boone, was "born again." His entertaining career was then on the skids. Baptizing other celebrities, whose careers were skidding, in the Boone Family swimming hole made for a little publicity; like Cathy Webb's confessions.

Then there was Charles Colson, once buoyed to religious prominence after Watergate. Colson was "born again" in his minimum-security prison. Now he writes books and features for religious magazines about it all.

Others, like John DeLorean, have recently escaped total chagrin or oblivion by *breaking-for-it*; by announcing publicly that they're "born again." DeLorean's book recently hit the display windows of mall booksellers everywhere.

Religious television spotlights marginally popular celebrities like Efrem Zimbalist, Jr., Mr. T, Meadowlark Lemon. The names of others who've capitalized on Christianity are left *off* the televangelists' lists...names like Constantinus, King James VI, and Adolph Hitler, for example, who could all revive the old argument that *religion is to humans what bicycles are to fish.*

Indeed, to your average independent thinker-in-the-street, being "born again" has become another insignificant label. Like Mohandas Ghandi, John Q. Average constructively asks: "Why can't you Christians be more like your Christ?" Do Christians or other religious people need the label to keep up with God or society? Already there's plenty of LaCoste, Levi, Dior around. Comes now "born again."

But, for the sakes of those who do not capitalize over religion...genuine or curbside...we give space to the "born again" religious fundamentalists in the US. Citizens and governments remain highly tolerant of the religiose, even though they have been less tolerant of us. Could be it's like turning the other cheek.

And with our tolerance, do we encourage a growing intolerance by organized religion described by old-time carpetbagging fundamentalist preacher, Jonathan Edwards, to be a "sleeping giant?" Jerry Falwell, Tim LaHaye, and other proponents of collective, "born again," thinking have much to say about what they believe "divides modern America." Letter appeals sent out by LaHaye last May call for the "imprisonment and quarantine of AIDS-carrying homosexuals" among other things. When according to slightly more reliable sources like the nation's Center for Disease Control, we know that our country's number-one health threat is affecting all Americans. More than one fourth of all patients in the US being treated for AIDS are not homosexual men. And in countries where AIDS is believed to have originated (Zaire, Ghana, the Ivory Coast, and Senegal), AIDS is reported to be a disease attacking primarily heterosexual populations of men and women. LaHaye's Christian Voice organization, while collecting funds for its own "National Protection Center," relies heavily on misinformation and public ignorance to collect monies CV, by present law, does not have to account for.

As is the case with other "information" to come from the selective minds of collective thinkers, what they do *not* say may be more significant than what they do. The Roman Empire, Shakespeare's England, and Colonial America are examples.

Emperor Constantinus did not tell Roman citizens that, by converting to Christianity, the empire would justify the slaughter of non-Christian neighbors; non-Christian citizens. American history books bear scant records of *both* the books published by English party animal, King James VI: The *KJV Bible* and *Demonology*. Pilgrims

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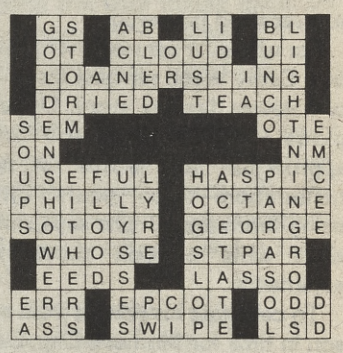
used both volumes as definitive works on witches in 17th Century New England. Judges, prelates, and confessors in and around Salem, Massachusetts hung, stoned, and pressed to death witches who were accused of such identifiably hellist acts as *swimming, talking to animals, causing storms at sea,* and *fits of babble and nonsense by adolescent girls.* Indeed, religious experience seems historically misapplied to bigotry, erudition, or almost any convenient expression of willful ignorance. To escape responsibility, the label-conscious have traditionally categorized nearly everything as either "for" or "against" their religion. *Religious opportunism.*

Modern religious opportunists are probably not unlike those who existed in the times of Jesus. Their names, organizations, and places of operations may be all that has changed.



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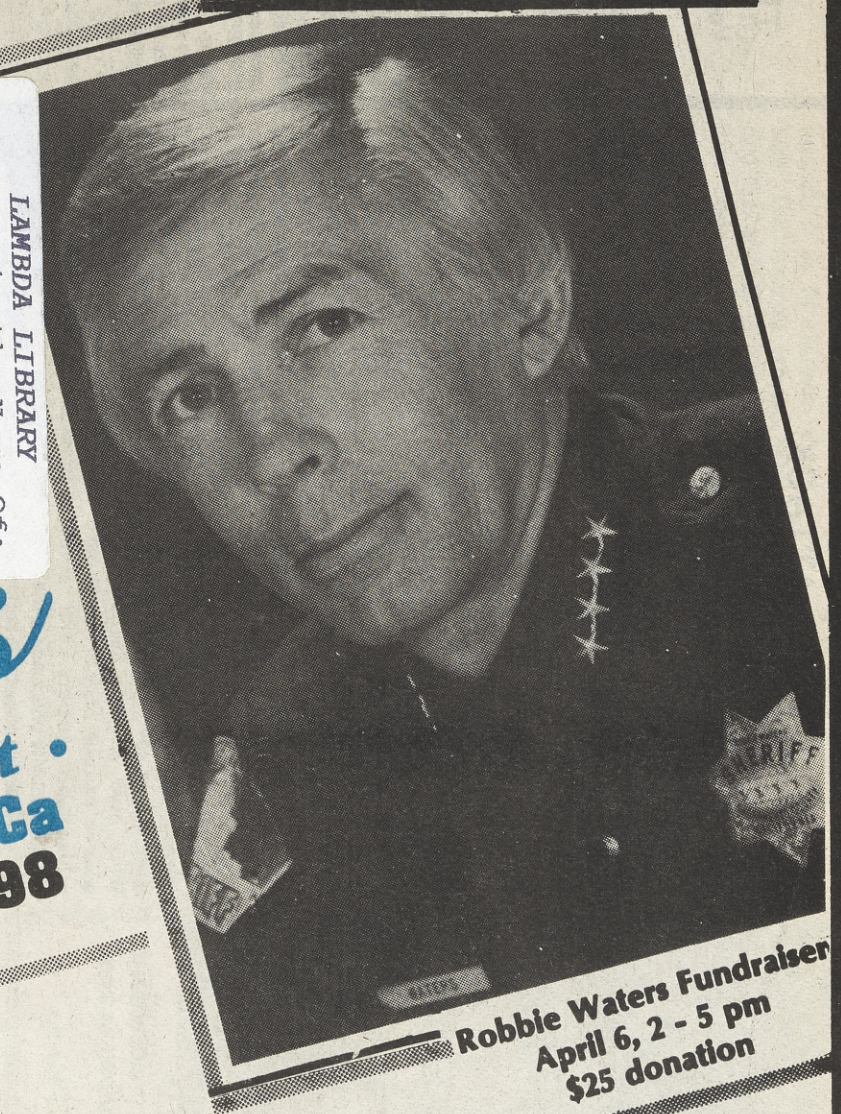

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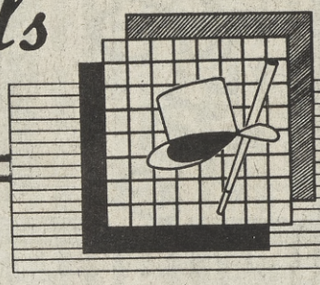

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